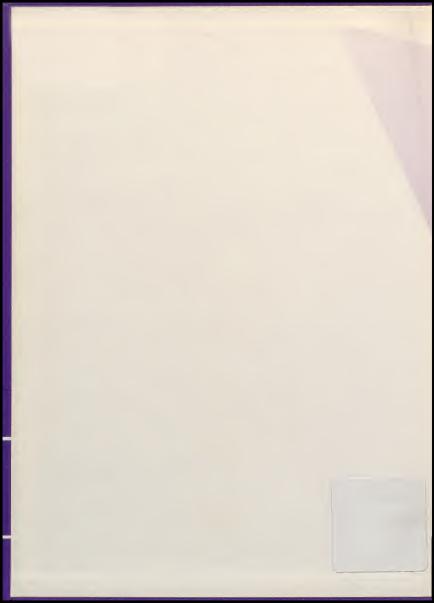
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A rriving to school in the "yellow limo." MHS students are anxious to begin their day. The majority of students take the bus, but it is usually referred to as the "yellow limo" because of size and driver.

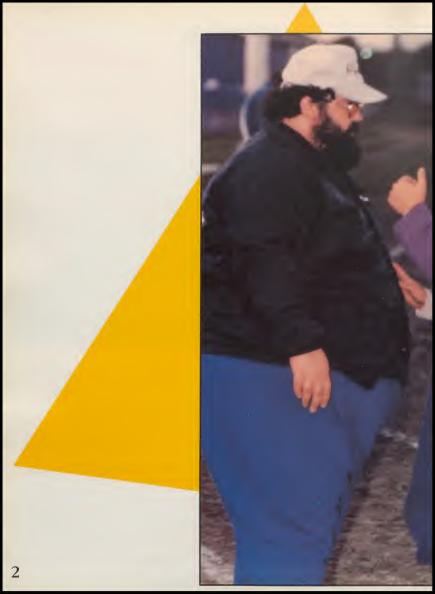


Building an

CONSTRUCTION began on Aug. 29, but the blue prints were different than any other year. MHS was "Building an Image." All 1436 students worked together to complete this job by June 5.

REVITALIZATION was well on its

way before school began. Renovation of the interior of MHS started early. School colors were painted throughout the building, new curtains and a clean atmosphere made MHS a better place to be. Meanwhile, anxious students anticipated a fun-filled year with lots of activities and people to see. Parties, movies and school activities were found on lists of things to





SCHOOL PRIDE

SPIRIT the key to building a better image, was sparked for the first time in two years. Pep rallies were another returning boost for Pirate pride. Many claim it was Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, who brought about school spirit, and from there, the students took

ENTHUSIASM shifted from outside interest to school interest. Club membership climbed as students became involved. Attendance at school events increased with both school and community support. Eager students even suggested a senior "lock in" In a few weeks, their enthusiasm took charge as the committee planned and passed the idea.

ATHLETICS

was one area that MHS always came out on top. The weight room provided for pre-season training, but once regular season was underway, there was no way of stopping the Pirates. The Lady Pirates volleyed themselves to a sectional championship title after a successful season. Also the Bucs continued with another winning football season and conference champions for the second straight year. With dedication and strength, MHS teams excelled and improved.



B efore starting the next play. Sandy Jackson, senior, receives the defensive strategy from the coach. Powder puff games were delayed one week because of a wet field, and for the second straight year, the seniors came out on

H uddling up the defense to discuss previous plays. Coach Jeff Yelton. Pierce biology teacher, explains to Mike Belmonte, junior, what to do in case of an emergency. The Pirates won the conference title for the second vear.

HIGH STANDARDS

ACHIEVEMENTS accomplished by many MHS students took a great deal of time and hard work. Those who wanted to get a head start participated in the voluntary summer school program to get required courses out of the way. Enrollment was the highest ever. MHS student, Jerry Miller, senior, qualified as a National Merit Finalist, Matt Gilfillan and Martin Falatic, seniors, also received high scores, which were in the top five percent.

SUPERIOR technology modernized MHS in 1987. Computers were installed in all departments to cut down time for simple or complex jobs. Attendance was taken by computers, and students worked with computers in class as the number of classes increased and technical drawing classes adapted to computers for visual drawing.

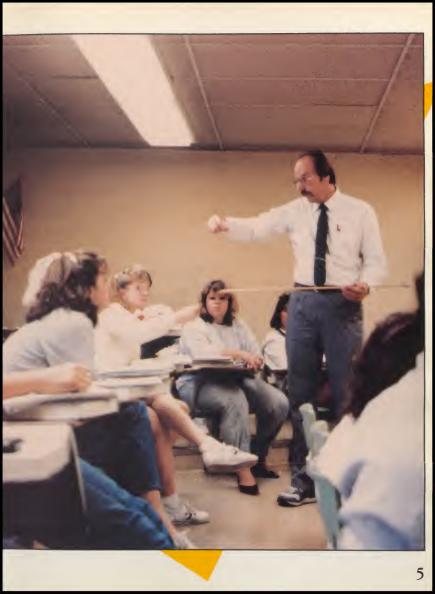
EXCELLENCE became a building block for MHS students and faculty. To reach excellence, a few changes occurred. The English department constructed a more traditional curriculum to best fit the needs of students. Graduation requirements were set higher to encourage students to accomplish as much as they could in four years. The excellence found at MHS will move on to future careers or college educations. MHS was well on its way to "Building an Image," but more construction was ahead.



It's Halloween in the child development class. Maria Strogilos, senior, watches two visitors as they decorate pumpkins. Students invite children to participate in holiday parties to understand and learn about child behavior.

L ori Cook, senior, assists Miles Dunscombe, physics teacher, in demonstrating the physics in pendulum. Demonstrations and classroom experiements encourage the students to examne the physics in problems.









STUDENT LIFE

ating or just spending time with friends kept weekends busy for MHS students. Time flew by, but not a minute was wasted. Parties and visit-

ing Chicago topped several lists or weekend activities, while others found relaxation at home on a soft sofa. Romantic types usually enjoyed a quiet dinner following a movie with a date. Sunday was a special day for MHS students. Many gathered at the Lake County Public Library or invited friends over to take in a Bears' game. Time was theirs after punching out at 2:48 on Fridays.

INVOLVEMENT was no problem for MHS students. Everyone became a building block in creating a better image. Seniors hoped to leave MHS knowing they got the most out of it. Juniors were caught in the middle of the comotion, and sophomores were just learning to adjust and take on new activities. Clubs caught the eyes of students who were looking for something new. The Student Advisory Council, created by Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, gave students a chance to speak out concerning ideas and problems. But, there were other changes for students to become involved with athletics and academics. MHS students took those chances to "build an image".



A fter a vigorous practice, Ann Mestousis and Michelle Dudak, juniors, take time out to paint signs. This is one way the cheerleaders support teams and boost school spirit.

⁴⁴P uff the magic dragon," created by the students of the Senior Class, prepares to lead the way for the Homecoming parade. After several hours of work, the Senior Class took top honors for the Best Class Float.

Coming A week's worth of rain did not Home dampen the students' enthusiasm for the Spirit Week activities

Just as the 1986 football season brought back school spirit, Homecoming brought back the Merrillville 1976 State Championship football team.

It was truly a Homecoming.
"I thought having the 1976 team at our Homecoming was a great idea. At the game everyone showed a lot of spirit," said Gina Canales, sophomore.

Most of the members of the 1976 team were present to see the Pirates reign over the Andrean 59ers. Not only did the Pirates reign over the 59ers, but Mother Nature rained over the entire town of Merrillville.

During the week, several inches of rain fell. This rain caused many of the Homecoming festivities to be postponed.

The powder puff game, which was followed by the bon-

Offering some encouraging advice is defensive coach, Bob Bergeson. Bergeson helped coach the team to a 7-2 season.

fire was rescheduled for the following Thursday. As in the previous year, the Class of '87 earned the powder puff honors

Renee Mishler, senior, commented, "It was great to win the game two years in a row."

The only thing not dampened by the torrential rains was the spirit of the students. One way students showed their spirit was to participate in Spirit Week.

The week started Monday, with Nerd Day, followed by Hippie Day. Then came Wednesday which was Dress-up Day.

Ámy Roberts, senior, stated, "During Spirit Week my friends and I participated everyday. It made the week that much more fun." (continued on page 11)









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— Gina Canales

A fter the exciting powder puff game, students gather around the traditional bonfire. Homecoming traditions brought out the spirit in MHS students.

While showing their school spirit, Amy Roberts and Tamara Levinson, seniors, participate in Hippie Day. Hippie Day was one of five dress-up days during Spirit Week.





Following through with school spirit by decorating the windows in the entrance of the school is Debbie Galka, junior. The cheerleaders decorated the school every Friday for the football games.

S howing that the Senior Class is number one are Shelly Metros. Kathy Lynch and Heather Charlesworth. Seniors. The Class of '87 is the first team to take the powder puff honors two years in a row.

Homecoming

Twisting to the popular song "Twist and Shout", the German Club displays their school spirit on the Homecoming float. The theme to this year's parade was "Back to the 60's".

The Homecoming Court for 1986-1987 consisted of Sherry Lemon, Kelly Burke, Jill Lamfalusi, Reagan Plesha and Renee Mishler, seniors. Lamfalusi was crowned Homecoming Queen.





Students voted Lamfalusi as the 1986 Homecoming Queen during halftime of the 22-7 Pirate victory over Andrean.

Thursday was College Sweatshirt Day, and it also hosted the first per prally that the Class of '87 has ever seen at MHS. The enthusiasm of Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, and the announcement of Mr. Football, Chris Abel, will be remembered.

"Being awarded Mr. Football was an honor I will never forget," said Abel.

Following the pep rally, the

fired up students joined in the annual Homecoming parade. The Senior Class won for displaying the best float.

Purple and White day, the final day of Spirit Week, was also the day of the big game.

At halftime Merrillville was ahead 8-7 against Andrean. Then the Homecoming Queen, Jill Lamfalusi, and her court, Sherry Lemon, Kelly Burke, Reagan Plesha and Renee Mishler were introduced.

"I was shocked and surprised when my name was announced at the Homecoming game. It was a great honor!", commented Lamfalusi.

The Pirates went on to win

To wrap up Homecoming festivities, many students attended the Homecoming dance, the theme was "Back to the 50's and 60's".

"The dance was really fun. My date and I had a terrific time dancing to all the older music," concluded Mike Depta, junior.

by CHRISSY FIGUEROA

A ccepting the award for Mr. Football is Chris Abel, senior. Mr. Football is selected by teammates on his personality, leadership and skill.

G etting down to the Homecoming music is Heather Charlesworth and her date. The theme for the Homecoming dance was "Back to the 50's and 60's."





"I get up at 5:30 a.m. so I can take a shower, do my hair and put on my makeup."

— Jeri Scrivnor

S howing a part of her normal morning routine is Heather Kirk, senior. Girls at MHS seem to take more time out in the morning for preparation before school.

E njoying breakfast and a quick look at the newspaper before school is George Nicolich, sophomore. Many students make a special effort to wake up early to eat breakfast before school.



Time to eat is often hard to find while rushing to get ready for school. However, many students eat cereal for a fast breakfast



BUZZ—BUZZ!!! The alarm goes off, and it's time to get up and get ready for another school day.

Many MHS students wake up hours before they have to be at school in order to look their hest

"I get up at 5:30 a.m. so I can take a shower, do my hair and put on my makeup," said Jeri Scrivnor, senior.

While some students get up hours before school, others get up just minutes before their bus arrives.
Pete Kachur, senior, said, "It takes me 15 minutes to get

ready for school. I take a shower, get dressed and run out the door."

Girls tend to take more time

getting ready for school than boys because girls are more self-conscious about the way they look.

"Guys really don't care how they look, but most girls take it a bit too seriously," said Dan Sell, senior.

Ann Mestousis, junior, said, "It's important to look nice, but students don't have to spend hours getting ready for school to have a nice appearance. All that counts is that you're comfortable."

Many students that over sleep and don't have enough time to do their normal morning routine just throw on anything and run out of the house.

Karrin Burke, sophomore, said, "When I'm running late

for school, I throw on the first thing I see and catch my ride to school."

Time to eat is often hard to find while rushing to get ready for school. However, many students eat cereal for a fast breakfast.

Greg Chidsey, senior, said, "I like to eat Apple Jacks for breakfast because it allows me extra time to get ready. I also like to dig the prizes out of the cereal box!"

by REAGAN PLESHA

Putting on her make up before school is Michelle Drinski, junior. Applying make up is a part of almost every girl's routine in the morning.

Ready to apply mousse to her hair is Lisa Bernstein. Many of the students wear mousse in their hair for style.







E nthusiasm. Seniors go hog wild a one of the many pep rallies at MHS.



T ina Pavlou, sophomore, decorates the main lobby in preparation for the game against Hobart. The cheerleaders spent many hours decorating the school before football and basketball games.

A long with pep rallies, decorating the halls and the entrance to the school enhanced spirit.





L eading the crowd in a cheer, MHS cheerleaders show their school spirit. Spirit was evident at pep rallies for the first time in years.

M HS students catch football fever at the Hobart game. During the course of the football season, there was an abundance of fans.



Pirate Pride

Pep sessions, winning teams and a positive school image helped increase school spirit

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An attitude and feeling that was renewed at MHS.

Pep sessions, winning teams and a positive school image helped increase school spirit.

Spirit was a definite plus for Pirate teams. At several of the football games, students painted their faces Purple and White, while others wore various shirts and sweathirts to express "Pirate Pride."

According to some students, winning played a major role in

the uprising of spirit.

"I think beating Hobart and other good schools raised school spirit," said Camile Kearby, junior.

For the Hobart game, over 7,000 fans attended the game.

Leslie Osoba, junior, said, "I think the spirit of everyone helped the team get psyched up and made them want to win"

Not only was this spirit evident in the stands, but it appeared on the athletic field as

well. Several Pirate players fired up the crowd during intense moments of the game.

Bob Stewart, junior, said, "The team needed the extra 'push' from the crowd to help us through the rough spots."

In addition to feeling more spirited, MHS has also looked spirited. Signs were posted throughout the entire school.

George Nicholich, sophomore said, "As I walked down the hall and looked at the lobby for the first time, I began thinking about how great it looked and about the game that night."

The renewed school spirit had positive effects in 1986-87, which helped in "building an image."

"Football games were not the only place MHS students were spirited. I noticed it in school events, pep rallies and girls' games," said Jill Lamfalusi, senior.

by MICHELLE SPOSATO, TRACY WIKSE



Merrillville In just over 10 years, Merrillville has gone from a Small, rural community to the "largest" town in Indiana with over 100 restaurants.

Ten years ago, Merrillville was just a small town in Indiana that was known as "Next to

But in 1987, Merrillville has prospered to be the largest town in Indiana. The drastic growth has been due to the many new buildings construct-

Some recently constructed buildings are New York Carpet Land and the Carlton Inn, next to the Holiday Star.

With the added number of buildings to Merrillville, the traffic becomes a problem.

"It's a pain. The lights take forever, and when they do turn green, it seems like only five cars pass through," said Jim Markos, senior.

Sometimes people decide not to drive because of the traffic

"The traffic is a pain at 9 p.m. when the mall closes and



when the Holiday Star lets out," commented Steve Lewis, junior.

Even though the traffic is bothersome, most people believe the growth is beneficial to Merrillville.

Michele Santos, sophomore, said, "The growth will supply many more jobs for the unemployed teenagers."

Some people focus on the make Merrillville a city.'

general benefits of the growth.

"Merrillville's increased size will help the economic growth and also put Merrillville on the map," said Diane Mishevski, senior

Others have high hopes for Merrillville because of the growth.

Josephine Cammarata, senior, said, "Maybe it will finally make Merrillville a city." So maybe in ten more years this dream will be a reality.

by JAYNE MAGINOT

E njoying a quick meal is Valerie Huston, Tony Muffoletto, Steve Harms and Carl Jimenez, seniors. Burger King is one of the many fast food restaurants in Merrillville.

The restaurants right off of U.S. 30 are an example of the many different franchises in Merrillville. The town of Merrillville has the most restaurants in the United States.





Enjoying the pizza at Giordano's is Laura LaCount. Josette Hackleman and Chris Paine, seniors. Giordano's is a Chicago chain and opened its first Indiana restaurant in Merrillville.

The Southlake Mall consists of 145 stores and is a major part of Merrill-ville's economic growth. The Southlake Mall attracks crowds from out of state as well as Northern Indiana.



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Dating Dilemma

"If your, uh, not, uh busy Friday night like to go out maybe?"

Dating plays a major role in the lives of many students. Decisions have to be made once an adolescent starts to date, such as where to go and what to do.

Tracy Phillips, junior, described her perfect date as: "The guy and you go to a movie and then to an inexpensive place for a Coke. Then allow enough time to go home and talk. End the date by getting to know each other with a goodbye kiss."

Dating is becoming very expensive. The cost for a couple to go to the movies is \$9. This doesn't include popcorn, pop and going out afterward. Yet, inexpensive alternatives are

available

"Staying home and watching a movie on the VCR while eating popcorn is fun, yet inexpensive," commented Anna-Marie Turpa, senior.

How old should adolescents be before dating?

According to leading psychologists, before the age of 16 most teens are "Me oriented." They are not capable of being aware of and fulfilling the needs of a partner.

As two people become close they play a big part in each other's lives. Those two people should be mature if they are going to affect each other in such a way.

"The younger the adolescent starts to date, the less responsible he or she is for their actions," stated Lyle Stoelting, psychology teacher.

Dating someone can lead to a serious relationship, which can lead to early sexual encounters. Without the proper information, this may lead to teenage pregnancy.

Some schools offer sex education courses in an attempt to inform students. At Lew Wallace High School, for instance, a nine-week sex education course is a mandatory part of the physical education program.

"I think a sex education course at school would be beneficial," stated Sandy Jackson, senior.

Dating experiences, good and bad, all help to form the people we become in the future.

by SHAWN LYNN CUNNINGHAM

"The guy and you go to a movie and then to an inexpensive place for a Cole. Then allow enough time to go home and talk. End the date by getting to know each other with a good-byt kiss."



LOCKET Personalizing lockers is a favorite activity. Students arrive in August to Decoration Pictures and mirrors are most popular.

Looking down the halls, creative locker decorations added life and character to the bare. metal, school lockers,

Photographs, stickers, posters and mirrors are some of the many items found in lockers hanging on locker doors.

Several students arrived before school started to decorate

"I knew I wouldn't have time to decorate between classes so I came early," said Gina Hylek,

sophomore. Locker decorations revealed the personalities and interests of some students. Sports enthusiasts have action posters of their favorite sports and

idols. Pictures of rock stars are other popular items seen on lockers along with provacative

sex symbols. Locker decorating is popular. but why?

Many students agreed that the most popular photo found in their locker was of their boy-

"We like putting pictures of our boyfriends in our lockers-

."said Nikki Modrak, junior. "We don't get to see them very often," added Sheila Loh-

man, junior. by TRACY WIKSE

D isplaying his interests in his locker, Joe Massow, junior, makes it his home away from home.



Out of the view of any school officials, Nancy Nims, junior, takes time to do some last minute homework. Sitting in the hallway is banned.

Sorting through a mass of books, Chris Kurtis, senior, attempts to restore order to his locker. Even though it is against the Student Handbook, students often share lockers.





Collecting the books she needs for her morning classes, Alison McCollum, junior, starts the day off with a smile. Most students keep their books at the bottom of their lockers.



Pirate
"I think that the Spirit Week was great success, and it really made the team feel that we had everyone behind us." The boys eventually captured the sectional crown.

WHAT a week!!! It was truly a SPIRIT WEEK at MHS.

However, Spirit week was not the week of Basketball Homecoming like other years.

It was the week of the boys basketball sectionals. It was created to help build up spirit before the sectional games. From students to faculty, evervone joined in on each day.

Bill McCollum, senior, said, "I dressed up everyday because it gave me a chance to be different and to show my

The week started out with "Slipper, Sweats and Sport Coat day" and continued with "Green, Orange and Purple Day" on Tuesday. Wednesday was the day for everyone to wear their clothes "Backwards or In-side-out."

However, Thursday was a day for everyone to turnabout and dress like their "Opposite Sex." Dressing like an Egyptian was quite popular on Friday and for a good reason because it was "Egyptian Day.

Julie Gibson, sophomore, said, "I dressed up everyday, but I thought Monday was the best day to dress up. All I had

Helping to decorate the junior hallway during Spirit Week is Tammy Peters, junior. The Class of 1989 won the hall decorating contest during Spirit Week

to do was jump out of bed, put on my slippers and go to school."

Spirit definitely came alive at MHS. Toward the end of the week, the classes had a hall decorating contest. The Class of '89 won the contest, and they also won Spirit Week.

Not only did the students fight for the title of winning Spirit Week, but so did the faculty. The secretaries won Spirit

Marlene East, secretary, said, "We really wanted to motivate spirit, and we thought that if the students saw us dressing up that it would motivate them to.'

The Spirit Week was complete as the boys basketball team became the 1987 Sectional Champs.

Joel Paska, senior basketball player, said, "I think that the SPIRIT WEEK was a great success, and it really made the team feel that we had everyone behind us."

by REAGAN PLESHA

Proudly admiring the sectional trophy is Marty Miller, junior, The Pirates advanced to the tough regional competi-









Demonstrating faculty spirit is Mrs. Carol Teeter, teacher's aide. Most of the faculty joined in the fun during Spirit Week.

Showing that they think MHS is number one are Chris Kurtis, Bill Lorentz, Tim Stryczek and Dave Vasquez, seniors. MHS had a large turnout at the sectional tournament.

Photos/Zawada

Senior Taking advantage of a new activity, 150 seniors attended the first "Lock-in" for nine hours

Whether they won a gold medal in the olympics or danced until dawn, seniors had plenty to do at the first MHS "Lock-in." One hundred and fifty seniors were locked in the school for nine hours on Feb. 12 and 13.

Gina Flaharty, senior, said, "I had a great time just being with all my friends. The whole night was a good time."

was a good time.

Among the many activities available for the students to participate in were open swim, olympics, movies, a dance and also the gym was open all night for the students to do other activities.

Carl Jimenez, Student Council president, said, "The Lockin went very well, and I think everyone who attended had a good time."

Beside all the activities, the lock-in also was a place where seniors could grow closer together as a group and good friends could just talk about good times.

"I liked the senior Lock-in because I liked sitting around chatting with friends I usually don't see in my classes" said, Sharon Daniels, senior.

"I didn't think the Lock-in would be as fun as it was. It was really a good time," added, Scott Henderson, senior.

The Lock-in contained many memories for the seniors who attended.

Sandy Jackson, senior, concluded, "The turnout was good, but I thought the faculty could have been more involved instead of the underclass. I'm glad everyone let loose and had a great time."

by CHRISSY FIGUEROA

Going up for a spike, senior Ward Setmeyer, seems to be enjoying the Senior Lock-in students participated in other activities, such as swimming, basketball, mock olympics and dancing.

A night to remember. Exhibiting his musical talents during the Lock-in is Mike Ramos, senior. This was MHS' first attempt at such an activity.





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— Gina Flarahty

Displaying their athletic talents during the mock olympics, these seniors seem to be enjoying the senior Lock-in. One hundred fifty seniors attended the activity.



Photos/Magini



Even at the wee hours of the morning, seniors show their spirit at the senior lock-in. The lock-in lasted until 7 a.m.

The highly acclaimed movie "Hoosiers" was released at an appropriate time. Bobby Knight and his Hoosiers clinched another NCAA championship.

The Indiana's Hoosiers let their talents shine in the semi-final game against UNLV. They advanced to the finals to defeat Syracuse in a nail biting, 74-73, game.



Americans celebrated the birthday of the Statue of Liberty on July 4. Spectators enjoyed a spectacular array of fireworks.





News In the 1986-87 school year, scandals dominated the news. 'Iranscam' and television evangelists were in the news. In addition, elections, locally and nationally caught the attention of many



News of the world stunned the nation as both tragic and shocking events kept Americans on the edge of their seats.

It has been a year in which the "Iranscam" has caught the attention of the nation, and it has many Americans still asking unanswered questions of the cash flow involved in the scandal.

Also, contrary to President Ronald Reagan's hopes, the Democrats have again taken charge of both houses of Con-

Religion in the United States is back. From the smallest towns to the greatest cities, on radio or television, religion has become an expanding, growing force. Men, such as Jimmy Swaggart, sent the message to over 145 nations through television. Even national figures — President Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Mario Cuomo, and Jese Jackson — made it known that their religious beliefs are important forces in their lives.

Nicholas Daniloff, *U.S. News* correspondent, was arrested in Moscow in August on spy charges and spent 13 days in a KGB prison.

The arms race continued as the Soviets introduced a new threat: highly accurate Soviet tactical ballistic missles, capable of flying hundreds of miles in minutes to destroy NATO bases, defenses and command centers in the opening moments of war.

Syria directed and supported terrorist activities, such as firing on Jewish worshippers at a synogogue and killing 21 and wounding 100 in a massacre aboard a hijacked Egyptian airliner.

The massive July 4 birthday party of the Statue of Liberty

was in New York Harbor, complete with fireworks and tall-

On the health scene, it has been a year of which the AIDS epidemic has soared to a ratio of 220 people killed per week and 374 more infected. AIDS also took the life of a famous performer. Liberace.

In sports, Daryl Strawberry hit the winning homerun in the seventh game of the World Series as the Mets defeated the Red Sox in the biggest game of

Bobby Knight led his Hoosiers to yet another NCAA championship by defeating Syracuse, 74-73. No chairs were thrown.

After five years away from the ring, Sugar Ray Leonard made one of the greatest comebacks in boxing history to beat the bald champion, Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

A year of both good news and bad.

by TONY AZNAR



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In her economics class, Karen Komechak senior, reads a Newsweek in her economics class. Students are required to read Newsweek's in an attempt by their teachers to keep the students up to date on current events.



Encouraging the many picketers at the USX steel mill is Lovell Williams, an employee of the steel mill.

Indiana ruled that it was a lockout instead of a strike. This rule allowed workers to receive unemployment compensation.



"I've accepted the responsibility of getting my own job to pay for my own expenses."

—Dawn Porter







Passing the countless hours during the lockout is Mike Adir, steelworker. Scenes like this were seen all around the gates of Gary Works.

Stopage disagreements. The work stopage continued for six months.

Families felt the economic pinch caused by the lockout at USX (formerly U.S. Steel).

Some families were hit harder than others by the work

The Ochoa family was one of the many MHS families not prepared for the strike.

"My dad was laid off before the strike, so we weren't prepared for it." said Susan Ochoa, senior.

Medical, dental and optical benefits were terminated on July 30. Though the union provided an emergency medical plan, it did not include dental and optical benefits.

"The benefits are next to nothing. A friend of my dad's needed X-rays, and he wasn't covered at all," commented Susan Pittman, senior.

Although the USX employees offered to work under the for-

mer contract, the corporation refused.

In addition, this lockout caused many family members to get jobs.

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The nation's longest-ever steel dispute, lasting 184 days, ended on Jan. 30. Union representatives counted 19,621 votes in favor of the new contract and 4.045 against it.

As for the new four year contract, it has "too many ifs, ands or buts to be decided." commented Terry Adler in an article by Curtis Vosti for the Hammond Times.

by SHAWN LYNN CUNNINGHAM



The once popular USX company was once the center of Northwest Indiana's production and employment. However, the work stopage has caused many families to suffer

Waiting outside the gates of Gary Works are many employees. Since the stopage many workers were left without jobs for months.

Thirty-one students participated in 26 acts, making the "Revue" almost two hours long. Talent show skits included bands, shirts and slide shows.

Okay. So everyone knows how talented the football, bashetball and gymnastic teams are at MHS. But it's also a fact that we have an award winning academic decathlon team.

But, the real talent at MHS is hidden within a handful of students who chose Feb. 28 and 29 to let it show in the 1987 "Revue."

At 8 p.m. on a rainy, Saturday night, the auditorium was packed with parents, faculty and students to support the cast of sophomores, juniors

and seniors

"The turnout on both nights really helped the confidence of the whole cast," commented Francine Harper, senior. Harper was also the student director.

The "Revue" was a talent show of sorts, complete with song, dance, live bands, comedy skits and slide shows.

"I chose to do a slide show of the 60's because of the recent swing in 60's nostalgia. A majority of the 1987 graduates were born in 1969; therefore, they are the last generation of the 60's," said Bill Wilkison, senior.

Two acts in particular brought the audience to their feet.

"Mitch Davidhizar and Jeff Coto were great with the routine to 'Hot for Teacher,' and their outfits were so original!" stated Gina Canalas, sopho-

"I liked the skits by Carl Jimenez the best. His rap song and the show he put on were adorable," commented Kim Tipton, junior.

In all, 31 students performed 26 acts. Some of the student groups were entered more than once. The show lasted little more than two hours.

Davidhizar, junior, concluded, "I really enjoyed my part in the 'Revue.' I would gladly do it again next year!"

by JULIE METCALF

While in rehersal, Ben Albright, junior, adjusts the amplifier at the "Revue" practice. Students who performed at the Revue put in many hours of practice.

A s one of the 26 acts, Patty Zolondz, junior, performed a solo. The "Revue" had 31 participants.





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— Francine Harper



A member of the publicity committee for the "Revue" is Carl Jimenez, senior. The "Revue" had a cast of 31 students.

B ecause "practice makes perfect", Mike Ramos, senior, perfects his act. Francine Harper was the student director for the "Revue."

Television While some teenagers think that watching violent T.V. shows is a bad influence, others believe T.V. viewing is beneficial

One tenth of one person out of a hundred people do not have a television set in their house.

This means many Americans watch extensive amounts of T.V. Now with all the added extras, such as the VCR and cable channels, the T.V. is used a great deal more.

"I spend at least three hours after school watching T.V.,' said, Tony Hess, senior.

According to the book, Sociology Understanding Society, T.V. definitely has an affect on young children. The effects could either be positive or negative depending on what shows are being watched and who views these shows with the

However, does television also affect teenagers or adolescents? Many MHS students feel that T.V. has a positive effect on them.

"I think a lot of the shows on T.V. have a positive effect on people. Shows, such as the "Cosby Show", are very funny but it also teaches you valuable lessons," commented, Debbie Tica, junior.

On the other hand, many people agree T.V. has a negative effect on some people.

"I think that most shows are okay to watch, but some of the programs on cable T.V. and some police shows aren't suitable for younger children." added Janie Sopczak, junior,

While most people disagree as to whether T.V. is positive or negative, they all seem to be spending an increasingly large amount of time watching T.V. by CHRISSY FIGEROUA

Gilligan's Island catches the attention of Jovo Manojlovic, senior as he tries to relax after a day at school, T.V. is th number one past time of teenagers be cause of the entertainment, but psy chologist say that it is not always harm



"I think that most shows are all right to watch, but some of the programs on cable TV and some police shows aren't suitable for younger children."

- Janie Sopczak



Student Between 'My Sister Eileen' and 'The Night of January 16,' play goers were able to find quality entertainment for a low price

Something for everyone. Both the fall play and the

spring play attracted large audiences.

One intelligent, one attractive. Isn't that always the question?

The answer to this question could only be found if one attended the play of "My Sister Eileen." This play was performed on Nov. 21 and 22. Bruce Woods, English teacher, directed "My Sister Eileen."

Debbie Hofferber, sophomore, said, "I felt the outcome of the play was very good with a lot of hard practice."

Chris Roberts, senior, said, "The play shocked me because of the language used."

The conflict between the two sisters from Ohio was that Eileen always had men around; and for Ruth, men knew her for her intelligence.

Throughout the play the sisters were faced with numerous problems.

In the end, the two sisters fell in love with men of their choice. Leaving the audience with one final thought. There is someone in the world for everybody.

Guilty or not guilty. The question was answered in the spring play, "The Night of January 16."

Nobody, not even the cast members, knew how the play was going to end. The Spring Play was quite unique because in this courtroom drama the jury members will be selected from the audience and they will determine the verdict.

"Before the play began, they

asked people if they wanted to be on the jury. They randomly drew 12 names, and those people decided the verdict. There were two endings to the play," said Joe Morrow, English teacher.

The conflict began when Bjorn Faulkner's secretary, Karen Andre, was accused of his murder.

Even though all the evidence was the same both nights of the play, Karen Andre was proved guilty the first night of the play and not guilty the last night.

Proving that it was the personality of the jury that decided the verdict.

by CHRISSY FIGUEROA, MICHELLE SPOSATO

Badgering the witness, Jared Riddle, senior, acts as the prosecuting attorney. The audience got the chance to act as the jury.







"Before the play began, they asked people if they wanted to be on the jury."

> Joe Morrow English teacher

Portraying the part of two sisters Susan Lytle and Debbie Hofferber, sophomores, discuss a contract with the landlord, Chris Carson, senior. The fall play attracted a large audience.

Complaints are all Debbie Hofferber and Susan Lytle, sophomores, had for Tony Velovski, senior, as they had to make a life in the tough parts of New York. All of the main parts in the fall play were played by sophomores.



Parents, teachers and graduates experience 'circus-like' atmosphere during Moments commencement ceremonies on June 7 commencement

Within the 30 minutes beach balls were tossed, frisbees hurled, rubber chickens flew, super balls bounced down the aisles, the graduates were armed with squirt guns.

While spray confetti hung from graduates caps, the distinct sounds of "pops" and whistles could be heard.

Yes, you guessed it, the action at commencement.

For these 437 graduates tunities it offers. high school was over, and this realization was now setting in.

Speakers at commencement included Rocky Sebastian, Senior Class president; Nomiki Zembillas, valedictorian; and Jerry Miller, salutatorian.

Sebastian, stated, "I am very proud to be graduating from Mark Vincent, seniors accept-Merrillville because of the aca- ed a diploma in memory of demic dedication, athletic suc- Gary Kostelnik, proceding a cess and extra curriculum ac- dedication speech by Rev. Jotivities that occurred."

"We didn't do it all by ourselves, but with the help of parents, friends and teachers." commented Zembillas.

Miller, added, "It is time to graduating Class of '87 was in move on in life to do what we like in life, and enjoy the oppor-

> Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, spoke on how quickly time passes. He mentioned, "Twenty years ago, when I graduated seems more like 20 days." Following this, Dr. Rapacz led the turning of tassels.

In addition, Kelly Peters and van Todorovich.

The ceremony came to an end as the graduating Class of 1987 filed out of the gym and into a future of opportunities. by COLLEEN COLLINS

A fter commencement, Orin Mayers poses for a picture with his family. Mayers was chosen "Most Popular" male by the Senior Class.

Once the graduates filed in, speeches were given by various class representatives. Kelly Peters and Mark Vincent, seniors, accepted the diploma for Gary Kostelnik in his memory.









"We didn't do it all by ourselves, but with the help of parents, friends and teachers."

Nomiki Zembillas



A final moment at MHS, Chrissy Figueroa and Chuck Collins, seniors, engage in a hug. There were 437 seniors who participated in commencement.



Never Say A record 276 couples watched as Holly Vance and Scott Reder were crowned 1987 Prom Queen and King

On May 16, the biggest turnout in the history of MHS Proms attended "Never Say Goodbye" at St. Elijah Hall.

The Junior Class sponsored the Prom which had 276 couples in attendance.

Prom favors were a program of the nights events and keychains. Each girl also received a candle at the end of the

night.
Kari Wahlman, junior, said, "I had a very good time, but because there were so many people who attended, the dance floor was really crowded."

At 9 p.m., the crowning of the King and Queen took place. Chosen as the 1987 Queen and King were Holly Vance and Scott Reder.

"It was a great honor to be named Prom Queen. One that I will never forget," commented Vance.

The grand march was right after the crowning ceremony which was followed by the traditional garter exchange.

At this time, the guys removed the garter from his date's leg, usually in exchange for his bow tie.

Pam Bernstein, senior, said, "The exchange between my date and I was an exciting moment, and now I will always have his tie to remember Prom

Music was provided by L & L Sounds, and a wide selection of music was played.

Danny Pimentel, senior, commented, "After the dance, everything I heard on the radio seemed to remind me of Prom."

"All in all it seemed as though everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves," concluded, Marc Schrenker, sophomore.

by CHRISSY FIGUEROA

Smiling triumphantly after their victory, Scott Reder and Holly Vance, sophomores, pose for a picture. The Junior Class sposnors the Prom each year.

Anxiously awaiting the announcement of Prom King and Queen, Tom Herbert, assistant principal, gets ready to tell last year's Prom Queen who to crown. On May 16, 276 couples arrived at St. Elijah Hall.







"I had a good time, but because there were so many people who attended, the dance floor was really crowded."

Kari Wahlman



Sharing a dance together is Kim Williams, senior, and Rick Stewart, sophomore. The 1987 theme was "Never Say Goodbye."

Rest and relaxation was hard to come by at Prom, as Pat McLaughlin, senior, and Ange Trelease, sophomore, take a break from all the dancing. The turnout was the largest ever for MHS.



Contemplating if they should ride another roller coaster so soon after eating is Steve Haller and Becky Torres, juniors. Unlike last year, the weather was sunny and near 85 all day.



Look ma, one hand! Waiting in line for the Tidal Wave are Tony Aznar, John Lea and Ted Piggot, juniors.



Day Whether it was Great America, Turkey Run or Chicago's Loop, the Sunday after Prom was a time for good friends and good food



Proceeding the Prom, many students go to various places to find fun!

A popular place to go immediately after the dance was Chicago. Many students found it relaxing to go out to eat or go for a carriage ride.

The beach was also a fun place to go if you were looking for a relaxed atmosphere.

Scott Henderson, senior, said, "My friends and I went to Chicago and ate at Ed's and then we were so tired that we went home."

After sleeping for only a few hours, it was time to get up for a fun day with your date.

Many students went to Turkey Run where they could go canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, hiking or do just about anything that they could think of doing.

Andrea Erler, senior, said, "Turkey Run was a blast! There was so many things to do, and if you were tired, you could also

was so many things to do, and if you were tired, you could always spread out a blanket and relax."

Great America was another

Great America was another popular place to go for excitement. There students found themselves either soaked from the "Splash Waterfalls" or dizzy from the new ride at Great America, "The Power Dive."

Vera Todorovich, senior, said, "I had a wonderful time, and being there with such a

special person made it even

As the day ended, everyone was exhausted and ready to head back home. Then, that following Monday, it has become a ritual for many to miss school to catch up on their sleep.

Sheri Sullivan, senior, said, "It was a special weekend that I will remember forever." by REAGAN PLESHA

At Great America, Tim Stryczak, Julie Joseforsky, seniors, Colleen Collins, junior, and Bill Spurlock, senior, make new friends. Spurlock commented, "I'm glad we went to Great America instead of Turkey Run. There is much more to do here, and we couldn't have asked for better weather!"



Great America's newest thrill ride is The Power Dive, which should not be ridden if you have a weak stomach! Many MHS students went to Great America for their post prom activity.

Softball team travels to nationals

Purple and white were very popular colors at O'Hare Airport at 5:30 a.m. on Aug. 13.

The Merrillville girl's A.S.A. (American Softball Association) traveling team, and its fans, were on their way to San Antonio, Texas.

The girls, lead by coach Bill Rathjen, won six games in a row in Mooresville, Indiana to take the state title. This earned the team the right to enter the national tournament in San Antonio.

Reagan Plesha, senior, stated, "I was so excited when I learned we were going. I haven't really been any place since I was a kid. The feeling was too great to put into words."

The team needed \$9000 for their trip. This was raised with the help of local businessman, Sam Wright. By assigning some of the girts to businesses and sending others door to door, he succeded in raising enough money for the girls' flights, rooms and meals.

The team played great in their first game but lost by a score of 1-0 to the fourth ranked Oklahoma Eagles.

The next day the girls played a team from Lithe, Florida. They were tied 3-3 going into the 5th inning but lost, 6-3.



S an Antonio? The 16-18 year old girls summer softball league rallies up before entering the field to play.

After winning three titles, the team traveled to San Antonio for the Nationals.

Linda Gogola, senior, stated, "I was proud of our performance against fourth ranked Oklahoma but was very dissapointed in our loss to Florida."

Although the girls lost the first two games in the double elimination tournament, they had to beat many other teams to get there. They finished the season with a 28-7 record.

Besides, being eliminated gave the girls some time to see San Antonio. They saw places like the Alamo and the River Walk. The girls even had time to visit a water amusement park caller Water Park U.S.A.

Colleen Collins, junior said. "I had a great time. I given the chance again nex year, I'd love to go."

by JON NICHOLLS

O'Rama means summer will end soon

Although the fans thought the Football O'Rama was a great way to get together with freinds, it served as a different purpose for players and coaches.

"It was an opportunity to judge the players abbilities and then make adjustments that would benefit the team," stated Bob Bergeson, defensive line coach.

The Pirates had a positive outlook at the O'Rama and performed to their coaches' expectations.

They defeated Portage. The score was 7-0, and they came up even against Chesterton, 0-0. Brian Storey, senior running back, said, "It was basically a practice game for us."

In addition, Storey mentioned, "It told us where we were at that time of the season."

In contrast to these views, the fans thought attending the game would be a good opportunity to meet with
friends. Michelle Musser, junior, noted, "It was a
chance to see people that you didn't see over the
summer as well as getting together with everyone before school started".

The Football O'Rama was the first major sports event to start off the new school year, in addition to the Pirate's football season.

by COLLEEN COLLINS



SUMMER

Friends meet

"Be Greek for a Week."

During the summer, many MHS students attended the Annual Grecian Festival, commonly known as Greek Fest, in July.

For most people it was a time for socializing.

"Greek Fest is a good place to go during the summer because you get to see friends you normally only see in school," stated Angel Martin, sophomore.

"I went, to Greek Fest to see all my friends, and I also got to meet a lot of new people," said Vicki D'Asto, junior.

Although many people went just to have a good time, others had to volunteer their time for their church.

"I had to work at the ice cream stand for one night. Actually, I ate more ice cream than I sold," said Krissy Trakas, junior.

Greek Fest has obviously become an important part of many peoples' summers. But, for whatever reason people attended, many found it quite enjoyable.

by HEATHER KIRK

Back to school:

F irst day gitters shown in the eyes of Lisa Rimer, sophomore, looked familiar in her second year Spanish class. Sophomores had to adjust to the many differ-

ences related to the large size of the school and 1445 students. Several sophomores admitted they were afraid of the first day but that wore off in plenty of time.

Never too old for Halloween

The wind howled. The colored leaves whirled in the air. Witches and goblins roamed the streets. What's the big occasion? It's Halloween!

Students planned many activities for the day. The most popular event among the crowd was attending Halloween parties.

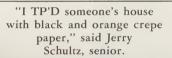
"I hit all the parties I could this Halloween," said Ann Gordon, senior,

cluded the breaking of pumpkins and dumping of garbage.

Then, there were those who were too old to go Trick-or-Treating. They still seemed to come home with large amounts of candy.

How? Ask all those who returned home from Trickor-Treating without any can-

by ANDREA VIGNA



"I went to a party at my brother's house, and we partied until 5 a.m.," said Diana Sheehy, senior.

Many other students went to haunted houses to get into the spirit of the holiday. MHS had one in its auditorium.

Another popular haunted house was at Hidden Lake Park.

However, some students resorted to vandalism for a good time.

"I TP'd someone's house with black and orange crepe paper," said Jerry Schultz,

Vandals' pranks also in-

J aws is back and after MHS students. Ben Albright, junior, swims down the hallway during Halloween terrorizing students. Several students wore costums to make their day a little different.



'FUN' in fund raisers

From purple and white pom pons to balloons that say Pirates, MHS clubs found new ways to raise money.

"Fundraisers really help us out. If it was not for fundraisers, the squad (Pom Pons) would not be able to buy new uniforms and other things that we need," stated Tina Sobierajski, senior.

Various clubs sold different items to help pay for new uniforms, supplies for school and many other needs.

'We had the girls sell at least a box of M & M's so we could raise enough money for new uniforms." stated Carol Teeter, Pom Pon cosponsor.

On the other hand, some of the clubs were not as fortunate raising money for their club. Some of the clubs sponsored dances instead of selling items.

The Honor Society tried to have a Halloween dance. but there was not enough response so it was cancelled stated Nomiki Zembilias senior.

"The cheerleaders so buttons and pom pons t raise money for new em blems," stated Lisa Marc vich, junior.

How do the students fee about the fundraisers? Per haps, they feel they ar beneficial to the school.

Mark Vincent, senior, staed, "The Sport Association promotes fundraisers for the benefit of our school athletes. It provides us with new uniforms and equit ment which helps the mil rale of these athletes. In the long run, fundraisers at good for the school an community."
by BECKY RAMOS

Afternoon munchies strik DeeAnna McPherson, senior, whi Donna Meus, junior, offers a fe candy bars to satisfy her hunge Candy and other fund raising iten were sold throughout the scho vear



risis in Indiana:

Education gets low marks

eased. Indiana received failng marks in SAT (Scholastic ptitude Tests) and in teach-rs' salaries.

According to USA Today,

ne average teacher made 25,313 and school systems pent an average of \$3,723 er pupil. Indiana ranked 25 ut of 51 in teachers' salaes with an average salary f \$24,274.

Sherman Lewis, guidance rector, stated, "The SAT is ot meant to determine how uch a student knows. Inead it measures the deee to which a student is pable of using what he has arned." Mr. Lewis suggested that

diana may be ranked low ecause there is a greater ercentage of students in Inana who take the SAT.

While 47 percent of India's 1986 graduates took e SAT, only 3 percent of buth Dakota's 1986 gradu-es took the SAT. South Da-ta is currently ranked imber one in SAT scores. Locally, 62 percent of HS' 1986 seniors took the T, and the national aver-e for the number of stu-nts who take the SAT was

te average scores for ver-

Once again a national re- bal were 415. MHS math ort card for schools was re- scores were 464, and state average scores for math were 459. In comparison to the national average scores, MHS scored lower in both verbal (431) and math (475).

Dr. Anthony Lux, assistant superintendent, stated, "Due to an increased percentage of students who take the test, scores are going to be lower because we have a greater range of abili-

Dr. Lux added, "The average scores of the top ten percent of MHS' students' scores on the SAT are higher than the average scores of the top ten percent of students' scores across the nation."

"Also, the average scores of the top twenty percent of MHS' students' on the SAT are higher than the average scores of the top twenty percent of students' scores across the state of Indiana." he added.

Three factors must be looked at along with the SAT scores. Dr. Lux said these three factors are social economic status, educational levels of parents and attendance at schools.

percent.

MHS students scored a possible explanation for for average verbal, and low verbal scores, he suggested, "Scores may be low

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6, Nebraska	1042	6%	1
7, Montana	1026	9%	-
8. Minnesota	1022	7%	- 1
9. Wyoming	1018	5%	
10. New Mexico	1016	8%	2
	1014		1
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50, North Carolina	835	47%	
51. South Carolina	826	49%)

due to the large number of students who come from non-English speaking backgrounds."

by MELISSA TESANOVICH

The above chart shows the states in order of total SAT scores from highest to lowest. Although South Dakota is ranked number one, only three percent of their graduates

Report cards mean TROUBLE

Report time again! Only this time your parents will see the report card for sure.

Parent-Teacher conferences took place after the first nine weeks of the school year.

This gives parents and teachers a chance to discuss grades and progress during the first grading period.

Jim Vermillion, physics teacher, said, "I think that parent-teacher conferences are excellent, but it does not warrant students missing a day of school."

Many MHS students like the idea of the conferences. Students think that teachers can give a better explanation for the grade being given.

Mercury Pappas, senior, said, "There a great idea as long as you're doing well, otherwise expect to spend the weekend home with the folks."

Lisa Berstein, sophomore, said, "I like the idea because I feel that my teachers can give a better evaluation of my efforts in class. Teachers can also explain their grading system."

by REAGAN PLESHA





Decathlon team takes 4th in state

The Academic Decathlon team proved that working together makes a good

"We were so successful because we were a good quality team that worked well together," commented Cindy Hydinger, junior.

Only nine students were chosen to compete in the Decathlon. There were three students to each category.

The categories were Honors ("A" students) — Jerry Miller, Susan Dankanich and Cindy Hydinger; Scholastic ("B" students) — Dave Maddack, Tony Velovski and Jill Stoner; and Varsity ("C" students) — Chris Curtis, Orin Mayers and Mark Lash. These students were required to take a test in math and economics to qualify for the team. From there, Jim Edgcomb and Jacquie Demaree, sponsors, selected the three top scorers in each category.

The team went to Purdue University Calumet on Saturday, Jan. 17 to compete with other area schools. They took home 31 medals and a first place score of 37.043.

The night before, MHS's team got together and prepared for the competition.

Maddock, as quoted in the **Post Tribune**, stated, "We got a lot done by bouncing questions off one another."

On Feb. 15, the team traveled to Indianapolis for the state competition. They took home fourth place out of 88 schools.

Mr. Edgcomb said, "The dedication that the team showed is unbelievable. It is exciting to see students who show this willingness to go beyond the curriculum and learn for the sake of learning," Mr. Edgcomb concluded that "the future of this

country is in good hands.'

E xtreme excitement, shown on the face of Chris Kurtis, senior, lead the crowd to believe he answered his question correctly at the Academic Decathlon. The team placed fourth in the state competition.

TV 'oldies but goodies' popular again

Will the "Brady Bunch" ever be a hit on Prime Time TV?

Are the Monkees really touring America in the 80's? Yes, "MTV" started the Monkees craze with old Monkees television shows.

Donna Micic, senior, stated, "I like the Monkees because you can honestly hear what they are saying in their music. They're 'happening' now."

Three of the four original Monkees are touring, but the fourth, a successful producer, has stated that he does not wish to cash in on the popularity of his "hey

Jim Cunningham, senior, said "I can handle the Monkees coming back, but if the records start dating back any further, I can start listening to my parents albums!"

by JULIE METCALF

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<u>Honeymooners</u>	20%	
Monkees	18%	
MASH	16%	
Gilligan	11%	
Brady Bunch	10%	
Leave it to Beaver	7%	
<u>Other</u>	18%	

Blood drive produces 75 'gifts of life'

"It's a matter of life to someone." said the American Red Cross

In order to help the cause, 75 students at MHS participated in the American Red Cross blood drive.

Blood provides "the gift of life" to thousands of people a day. Ten units of blood are needed per minute in hospitals across the country. One donation can be used

to treat several patients. Blood can be divided into components to treat the needs of different patients. Blood is needed for many people, such as accident victims, leukemia patients, hemophiliacs and anemia patients.

mately 45 minutes, six to ten minutes to actually donate. Each student donated one pint of blood.

The donation was safe and not very painful. The blood was taken from a vein in the arm. The needles were sterilized before each blood donation and discarded after each use.

Most donors felt fine after giving blood; however, few felt faint from the blood loss.

Donors received cookies and refreshments to help compensate for the loss of blood. Within hours, the amount of blood lost was replaced.

Several requirements were placed on the donors. The donors had to be at least 17 years old, weigh over 110 pounds, have parental consent and appear to be in good physical health.

"We didn't have as many donors as in the past, but it was much better than we had expected it to be," stated Delores Poxen, nurse,

by TRACY WIKSE

Blood drive donor, Kim Tonetski, senior tries to relax before the nurse injects the needle. Seventyfive pints of blood were donated this year by both students and faculty.



The process took approxi-

favorite winter sports and activities. John Hirchak. sophomore. commented, "After all the snow, my friends and I went sledding."

For the students who staved in Merrillville during Christmas, snow was

something they could only hope for later on in the winter season. I like to ski at the Pines in Valparaiso. but this year there has not been enough snow to do that," said Patty Tubbs.

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students could now

Although snowmobiles and skis were hampered by the absense of snow during Christmas break, some students were fortunate enough to travel out of state to catch the snow

Greg Chidsey, senior, commented, "I went to Colorado to go skiing with a couple of friends. There was plenty of snow out there and the skiing was great."

However, some students from MHS traveled to very warm places to celebrate Christmas.

Alison McCullom. junior, commented, 'My family went to Mexico for Christmas. The sun shined bright every day."
by CHRISSY FIGUEROA

Little Ceasar's tops pizza list

Have you ever thought about how many ways you can enjoy a pizza?

Deep dish or thin crust. Eat in, take out, or have it delivered in 30 minutes or less.

Now, hungry for a pizza with everything?

Well, look no further! Merrillville has 15 pizza parlors.

However, some students will look farther for that perfect pizza.

Scott Doege, senior, commented, "I like Geno's East in Chicago. It's worth the wait in line just for the atmosphere."

But what do MHS students look for in a pizza? Is there a preference?

Kelly Burke, senior, said, "I like a cheap pizza that loads on the toppings!"

On the other hand, Mike

Depta, junior, stated, "Giordano's is a little more expensive, but the pizza is really good."

Pizza parlors have been known as the "meeting place" for students from all schools. For this reason, some restaurants are charging just to get in the door.

"I go to Shakey's after the Friday night games just to meet people. I don't think I've ordered anything to eat!" stated Vicki D'ASTO. iunior.

After surveying a majority of MHS students, the quest for the perfect pizza ends at Little Ceasar's.

"I like Little Ceasar's the best because you get two pizzas for the price of one!" concluded Mike Heminger, sophomore.

by JULIE METCALF



Dance attracts 60 couples

The theme for the Valentine's Dance was "Friends and Lovers." It was celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 7, and the Sunshine Society was the sponsor.

Club members, Donna Meus, junior, decorated for the dance after school. She stated, "We kept it neat and simple, and it really turned out nice."

Unfortunately, like previous years, the dance was scheduled on the night of a basketball game. Thus, many who either participated or attended the girls sectional game could not attend the dance.

Although, 60 couples did attend.

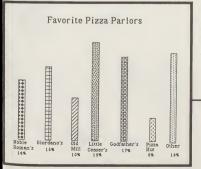
Brenda Hippie, senior,

mentioned, "Bill Lorenz and I had a really nice time at the dance. Afterward we went to at Mr. G's in Lakes of the Four Seasons. It was a lot of fun going with our friends Melissa Hicks and Jerry Mill-

Grace Bovard, Sunshine Society sponsor, stated, "To remind each couple of the dance, they received white chocolate hearts, made by the Sunshine girls, upon entering the dance."

by COLLEEN COLLINS

Friends and Lovers." Taking a minute away from the Valentine's Dance, Joel Paska, senior, and Kathy Arneson, junior, pose for a picture. Due to other school activities there was a low attendance at the dance.



EATING DISORDERS

'Thin to be in' affects teen self-image

With today's "be thin to be in" attitude, rare eating disorders are becoming notso-rare.

Bulimia is the medical term for gorging. The patient "pigs out" then induces vomiting or uses laxatives or diuretics.

Anorexia is deliberate selfstarvation. The patient suffers from an intense fear of obesity; so much so that she won't eat for weeks.

"Anorexia and bulimia are extremely delicate situations. The patient must be treated for recovery," said Dr. William Forgey, MD.

The AABA (American Anorexia/Bulimia Association) said that although most people believe that anorexia and bulimia are strictly female diseases, that one-tenth of the male population suffers from one or the other.

Anorexia and bulimia are heterogeneus which means there are no two cases that are identical. It differs among patients.

In any case, anorexia and bulimia are equally as dangerous. "I've never seen a patient recover on his own. If they go untreated, they will definitely die. It's that serious," Dr. Forgey commented.

After being diagnosed, the patient will be brought to stable weight. Most patients are fed intervenously because they cannot hold their food down yet.

Soon the patient is strong enough to attend regular therapy sessions.

"Weight gain without therapy usually results in relapse," said Dr. Daniel Kim, psychiatrist.

Both anorexia and bulimia are psychiatric problems.

"This does not mean that the patient is crazy," Dr. Kim commented, "it just classifies it as not a physical problem."

Some symptoms of anorexia are 20-25 percent body weight loss. Hyperactivity and a loss of menstruation along with a distorted body image are all serious symptoms of anorexia.

Bulimic symptoms are similar except for obvious binge eating and swollen glands.

Michelle Schmidt, junior and former bulimic, said "My freshmen year I was so concerned about the way other people thought of me that I purposely made myself sick to lose weight. Now, I look back and realize that there's safer ways to diet."

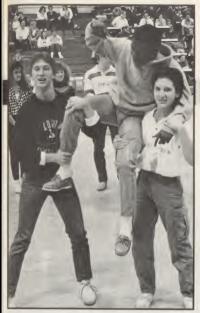
With family therapy, the "average" recovery time is about six months, with an 80-85 percent rate of cure. It is the most common form

of therapy, although there are other forms. Trance therapy is a fairly new concept and is administered for six weeks at a time.

"Some therapists cannot use this technique because most anoretics/bulimics fear being controlled by others," Dr. Kim added. This treatment usually takes three to six months and recovery is not always achieved.

by LEAH MEHAY





Homecoming lacks tradition, turnout small

Tradition, something that didn't continue at the 1987 Basketball Homecoming.

The annual Homecoming dance and Spirit Week was

canceled.
Gina Canales, sophomore, said, "Homecoming would of been so much more exciting if we had a larger turnout."

Despite the lack of participation, the traditional Homecoming court still was chosen. The Homecoming queens were Kelly Burke, senior; Michelle Dudak, judicipations of the participation of the partic

nior; and Melinda Burkhart, sophomore. The kings were Orin Mayor, senior; Mike Belmonte, junior; and Mike Heminger, sophomore.

Through all the disappointment, Homecoming ended on a happy note. The Pirates defeated Highland for the second time this season.

by MICHELLE SPOSATO

L ifted above his friend's shoulders, Orin Mayers, senior, celebrated the honor of being elected Basketball Homecoming king. The Homecoming Court was not selected until the day before the game.

'Go to the Dean's office

Discipline in many forms

According to MHS students an "easy" teacher is fun to have a class with.

But, the dreaded "strict" teacher is one who enforces discipline in the classroom.

A student may think twice before falling asleep in Bob Brown's algebra class.

"If you slept in his class or had papers in your book, he would make you wash the board stand up or do push ups!" said Mary Nonos, senior.

Most teachers, however, rule by the book.

Diane Mandon, social studies teacher, commented, "I follow the student handbook. For instance, I give a detention for two tardies, and I will not tolerate sleeping!"

Students who sleep in class are a big problem for many teachers.

"I remember once in a class, about seven people were sleeping, and the teacher finally looked up and warned us about detentions or something," explained Jane Sopczak, junior.

Allison McCollun, junior, symphathized with the teachers on that subject. "I feel sorry for teachers when students sleep in their classes. It must make them feel boring!"

Discipline is not taken

lightly by some teachers.

"I forgot my history folder and Miss Galanis gave me a detention," said Chris Roberts, seniors.

What is the penalty for reading or writing notes?

"Some teachers read them out loud to the whole class! That's enough to embarass anyone into not doing it again!" stated Russ Cain, senior.

Could all this discipline possibly do any good?

Tina Hunt, sophomore, concluded, "When a teacher enforces classroom rules, it is an extra incentive to stay attentive in class."

by JULIE METCALF

I nan attempt to discipline, Debra Reed, Spanish teacher, scolds a student for not completing his assignment.



Thieling

Quest teaches 'IALAC'

OH, SHUT UP! YOU'RE UGLY! YOU MAKE ME SICK!

These words can be heard often in a student's teen years. Therefore, Quest Class took time out and had a little enjoyment with cutdowns and compliments.

Julie Emerson, sophomore, said, "It was fun wearing the sign to see what people were going to say."

Quest students wore signs around their necks reading "IALAC" which means I Am Lovable And Capable. Students were told that if they

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It was fun wearing the sign to see what people were going to say.

received a cutdown during the day they were to rip off a piece of their sign. If the students received a compliment, they were to tape a piece back on.

Jeff Piaseczny, senior, said, "It's not really worth-while because everyone knows what is means, and they try to cut you down!"

Furthermore, Quest students discovered how certain comments by their fellow classmates can determine how their day will go.

Showing that he is loveable and capeable, Dan Pimentel, senior, reads a story for an activity at the Quest Parent Program. Each year the quest classes invite parents to come and learn what Quest is all

'Really . . . it wasn't my fault'

Mom, Dad, I have something to tell you.

Well ... Well, I was driving down the road. When
from out of nowhere, this car appeared in front of me

This is one way to tell parents that their new car was wrecked without them knowing whose fault it was.

Many teenagers drive their parents cars like maniacs without thinking of the consequences. After an accident, they must find the easiest way to tell their parents that they wrecked the car.

Gina Flaharty, senior, said, "I had an accident on the way to Basketball practice one day, but I didn't tell my parents till after I came home and ate. I figured I should eat my 'Last Supper' while I had a chance!"

However, some teenagers are so shocked that they don't even remember telling their parents that they have wrecked the car.

Janie Sopczak, junior, said, "I really can't remember calling my parents and telling them about it, but I'm sure they weren't too pleased. All I can remember is telling them to meet me at the hospital."

by **REAGAN PLESHA**



and I ... I hit it!

Some people will do almost anything

As Prom approached, so did the desire to find the perfect tuxedo to match that special someone's Prom gown. Couples carefully searched for their attire in prepration for Prom night.

Tuxedos were rented from several places in Merrillville, such as Gingiss and Dunhill.

Students, who volunteered at the rental stores, modeled tuxedos at school in order to receive a discount on their own rental.

Jeff Coto, junior, mentioned, "It was a first for me to do anything this weird:" but added, "modeling a tux from Gingiss allowed me to receive a a 50 percent discount on my own tux."

Frank Erfurth, senior, stated, "Although the tux I modeled at school isn't the same one I'm wearing to Prom, I'll receive about \$35 off of my own tux rental."

Although it may seem easy for a guy to rent a tux compared to a girl finding a Prom dress, it also takes time.

by COLLEEN COLLINS

Just a little formal for school? Frank Erfurth, senior, didn't think so as he wore a tuxedo form Gingiss Formal Wear to get a discount at Prom. Several students walked around school advertising several different styles of tuxedos.



Daddies step out with daughters

When a girl has to ask a guy to "Turnabout," there is always that fear of rejection.

But, when a girl asks her father to "Daddy Date Night," it's a sure date!

MHS had their annual "Daddy Date Night" on April 11.

Lori Cook, senior, commented, "I was surprised at how many people showed up, with Saturday being the big "date night" and all. But,

dads are fun dates!"

The music ranged from the 50's to the present. Most girls agreed it was fun to watch their dads dance to "new wave" music.

"I had a really nice time at 'Daddy Date Night'," stated Reneé Mishler, senior, "it's a good opportunity to get a picture taken with your

After the dance, daugh-

I guess it just shows that ters and dads went out to dinner. In some cases, the "moms" joined them.

This year a "Mommy Date Night" was suggested. But. because there was no interest, the dance was canceled.

by JULIE METCALF

An evening out with their dads. MHS girls dance to a slow song with their favorite "guy" at "Daddy Date Night". A "Mommy Date Night" was suggested, but was canceled



Scott Henderson. senior, stated, "I wouldn't register if it weren't required, because it would take valuable time away from my career."

Several students that were at least 18 said that they had not

registered vet. Dawayne Jones, senior, said "Mandatory registration is senseless. Those who fight in war because of a law won't be nearly as useful as those who fight on their own accord. If there is a war, I want to be in it, but I don't want to be with others who don't want to fight."

Who - 18 year old

When - 30 days before or after their 18th birthday.

Where - any U.S. Post Office.

These are the requirements of draft registration in the United States.

Failure to meet these requirements is a serious federal offense, with a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Most MHS students disagree with mandatory registration.

by JON NICHOLLS



Athletes work to perfect talent, grades

Putting your best foot for-

No longer can students be just good ath'ates, they must perform a higher level academically, too.

Effective Aug. 1, 1986, student athletes entering college to play sports for a Division I school must now meet new requirements.

First of all, athletes must have a grade point average of 2.0.

Secondly, the athlete must have at least 11 academic full-year courses. This includes three units in English, two units in social science and two units in physical science.

Furthermore, a student athlete has to have a combined score of 700 on his SAT or a composite score of 15 on ACT.

These new requirements pertain to Division I schools, which include top athletes and highly qualified students. Also, it offers the maximum number of scholarships.

Julie Joseforsky, senior, stated, "Very good athletes that have no desire for an education are less likely to succeed later in life."

"The main problem is that student athletes are not fully prepared and motivated adequately to handle college courses. Thus, it shows that they may not be properly guided in high school," added Drew Furuness, guidance counselor.

On the other hand, "It is not fair for an athlete taking advanced classes pulling a high 'D' to be penalized in comparison to a person taking less qualified classes getting a high 'B'," commented Gina Flaharty, senior.

However, this new rule is only in effect for Division I schools.

Tony Olejnik, junior, stated, "The requirements for colleges sould be treated equally between all divisions. Playing in a Division I school would be harder to keep up your academics then playing in a Division II or III. What's good for one is good for the others."

Furthermore, traveling for a Division I school is quite extensive compared to a Division II or III college. Also, a Division I college plays more games which allows less time for studies.

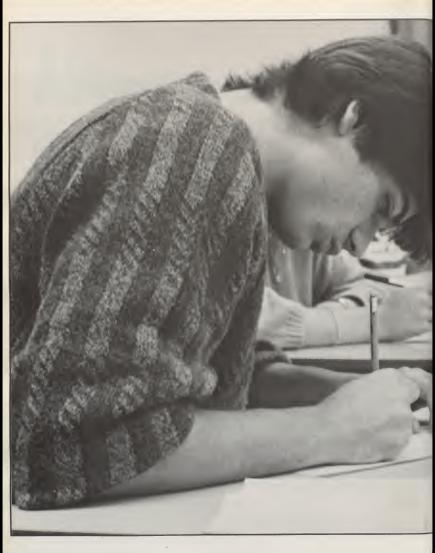
"The new requirements will not only help out their team but will put more qualified people in the world," concluded Joseforsky.

by SHERYL KRMPOTICH

R anked in the top ten percent of his class, John Wilczynski, senior, studies in the school library. Athletes need to keep their grades up to be eligible to participate in sports.



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Challerging C URRICULUM stirred

students in the right direction for a college education. technical school or the job market. Most courses proved to be challenging. The English department refined the curriculum by sticking to the basics and eliminating nine week courses. College preparatory classes treated students to a taste of the "real life." If that wasn't enough, academic clubs became an extra addition to the curriculum: Purple Plume, the Jets and the Academic Decath-Ion team. Each area of MHS curriculum gave students a chance to explore several areas of interest.

REQUIREMENTS increased as the Class of 1989 started its freshmen year. No longer were 36 credits enough; 42 are required to graduate. MHS students knew that wasn't all. Teachers presented their course requirements the first day of class. Term papers, lab reports, speeches and presentations frightened most students. After completing the course, most found their major assignments "well worth the time and work." Teachers felt that a learning experience that stuck with them in the future was important. Students and teachers worked together to build an image to be proud of latter in life.



Concentrating on an accounting assignment, Bob Stewart, junior, stops to doublecheck his figures. The business curriculum allows students to study several different business skills.

Without fear, Jerry Bratcher's, advanced biology teacher, pet snake made her way to unfrightened Kathi Arneson, junior. Mr. Bratcher feeds Pi small mice once a week.

Good STUDY habits

S tudy, study. study ... sometimes it seems that you never realize how much you do not know ... until the test grades come out.

Many students at MHS seem to put forth a lot of effort when it comes to preparing for a class. On the other hand, some students find other things to do with their time and suffer in the long run.

Dan Pimentel, senior, mentioned, "I usually study during the six minute passing period because I have a photogenic

memory.'

Patti Tubbs, sophomore, stated, "I prepare myself for my classes by reviewing notes or re-reading material." Good study habits are essen-

tial in preparing for a class.

Joel Paska, senior, mentioned, "I begin my studying late at night, while other students get right to their studying upon arriving home." Chuck Collins, senior, said, "One of my faults when studying is that my mind often wonders."

Problems like these often arise when too much studying occurs at one time.

Although students seem to find studying to be a real chore at times, it seems to be something that will be beneficial later in life.

Tony Olejnik, junior, concluded, "Studying in high school will only prepare us for the future."

by COLLEEN COLLINS

Using the Lake County Library to have a quiet atmosphere. Scott McCowan and Rich Rainey, seniors do some studying. The library became a home away from home for many students because of term papers.

Using his study hall wisely, or at least pretending to, is Dave Powers, sophomore. Up to 40 students were enrolled in some study halls.









Taking a last look over her notes be tore school is Gina Gros, junior. Many students leel that a last minute cram helps them get better grades.





Finding her room the most comfort able place to do homework is Ann Kolodzinski, sophomore. Many students agree that good study habits are the key to high grades.

Displaying his good study habits. Jeff Kolodzinski, junior starts right in on his homework after school. Students find consistent studying to be accompanied by good grades.

Jobs DOMINATE Time

ollege, cars and clothes. These are all very important to most teenagers. But how do students get the money to buy such luxuries?

Many MHS students consider part-time jobs.

Allison McCollum, junior, commented, "I have a part time job, so I can buy the things that my parents won't buy me.'

Finding a job in Merrillville wasn't too hard for many students. It was finding a job with good hours and good pay that was the hard part.

Wendy Eaton, senior, said, "I had a job for a while during school, but I worked every Friday and Saturday night. I finally quit because I do have a social life to attend to!"

Most of the complaints students made about jobs were the hours they had to work, especially on school nights.

According to the Indiana law, students under 16 cannot work any later then 10 p.m. if a school day follows. This law does not pertain to students over the age of 16.

"My boss expected me to close almost every night I worked, so I usually didn't get home till about 12:30 a.m., said Sheri Sullivan, senior,

But not all students complained about their jobs.

Danny Pimentel, senior, stated, "I can usually request days off if I don't want to work. My manager is pretty understanding."

Wendy Minninger, summed it all up. "I love my job, I get good pay, many benefits (like paid vacations), and I also get the hours I want to work."
by CHRISSY FIGUEROA

Helping a customer, Ann Mestousis, junior, works at Athletes in Motion. Jobs at Southlake Mall are popular because of the early closing hours.

As part of the COE program, Commonwealth Business College employs Julie Metcalf, senior, Students in the COE program attend school for half a day and work at an office the rest of the day.





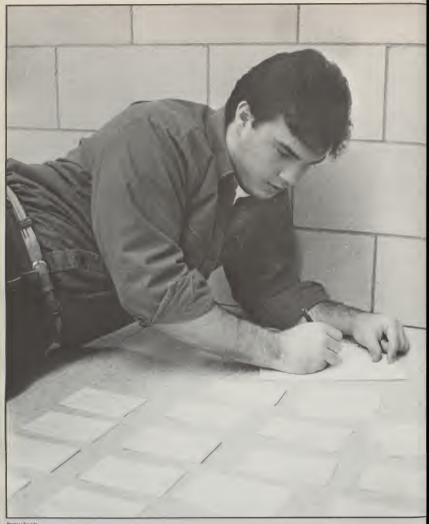
With an order at Rax, Laura Stefanelli, senior, tries to please the customers, Students working at fast food restaurants tend to lose sleep on school nights.





Straightening the shelves at Ace Hardware, Chris Locke, senior, puts the pathroom appiances in order. Many

students had part-time jobs to help pay for college or cars.



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Taking bits of information from notecards, Chris Abel, senior, prepared a paragraph for his tern paper. Both Bruce Woods and Le Fry require term papers during to second nine weeks of Advanced Composition.





Dreaded RESEARCH papers

that one can find on Emergency 1. As the holiday season approached, so approached the trauma that MHS seniors faced while writing their research papers for advanced composition.

MHS students could be found flocking to the Lake County Library on all days of

the week. Seniors had to give up a lot in order to be at the library to work on their papers. Joel Paska, senior, said, "I

had to sacrafice watching the bears play on Sunday for my paper.

Sherry Lemon, senior, stated. "I had to miss Dynasty because I had to get all of my

rauma. This is not the kind notecards done at the library." To break the monotony of

writing, some MHS students thought it would be funny to place library censors in the folders of unsuspecting people.

Reneé Mishler, senior, commented, "I was stopped at the front desk, and I was searched. I was so mad!"

Although seniors had their ups and downs, the long hard hours of work finally paid off when they turned in their pa-

by ERIC BAN

S orting through her index cards, Jill Lamfalusi, senior, finds something amusing. A smiling senior was hard to find during the tension of "term paper



A home away from home during the first nine weeks of school, Julie Zaradich and Kathy Lynch, seniors, found themselves at the public library researching for their term papers. MHS students spent long hours on these papers while trying to avoid plagiarism.





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Debbie Hofferber, sophomore, carefully listens to tapes of Spanish dialogue. These tapes help students to become more fluent in their foreign language.

Looking at a French workbook, J Joseforsky, Diane Joleski and Hi Lailios, seniors, try to translate a's tence in French. Translating is a part in a foreign language class.



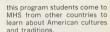
Students **EXCHANGE** ideas

H ola! This is one way to say hi in Spanish.

MHS offers three different languages to students. They are Spanish, French and German.

Language clubs are also very popular at the high school. These groups sponsor dances and other different projects. They also participate in the football and basketball Homecoming parades.

MHS takes part in the International Exchange Program. In



Maria Elena Campos Lopez was an exchange student from El Salvador. At Maria's school the only language available to the students is English. "The fashions are very similiar in America, but the school day very different," said Maria.

At Maria's school they don't change classes, they just stay in the same room all day. Their school day lasts only from 7:15

a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Maria said, "The school work
and the teachers in El Salvador
are a lot harder than those in
America."

"I like it in America, and I like all the people, but I miss my family." said Maria.

family," said Maria. by REAGAN PLESHA

Explaining a French recipe to Leah Mehay, senior, Diane Misheski, senior, uses her note cards to help her along.

M aria Elena Campos Lopez, exchange student, poses for a picture. Exchange programs are popular at MHS.



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In economics class, Sharon Daniel, senior, checks her stock chart. All econ classes had projects as part of their study of the U.S. economy.

Using her privilege to vote, Helen Lalios, senior, reviews her choices. The legal voting age in the United States is 18.



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W hile at the public library, Mike Arena, senior, reads presidential campaign articles in **Newsweek**. Before voting for

the first time, students want to find out all the information they can on the candidates.





The RIGHT decision

On Nov. 4, many students voted for the first time.

The 26th Amendment gives citizens 18 years or older the right to vote.

Several teachers stressed to students how important it is

that they take advantage of this right.

Pat Mullov, social studies

Pat Mulloy, social studies teacher, said, "We discussed the different campaigns."

The only requirements to vote are the person has to be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older. Then the person must register.

When asked how he registered to vote, Jeff Riese, senior, stated comically, "With a smile."

Running for U.S. Senate were Dan Quayle and Jill Long. Running for U.S. House of Representatives were Bob Costas and Pete Visclosky. Deciding who to vote for was confusing.

"I read the papers and listened to the campaigns of the different candidates on television before deciding who to vote for," Riese added.

Dan Quayle and Pete Visclosky were victorious. The Democrats took control of the Senate. They now have the majority in both houses.

Dave Poholarz, senior, stated, "I was disappointed that the Democrats took control of both houses. I really think that it will hurt the Reagan administration.

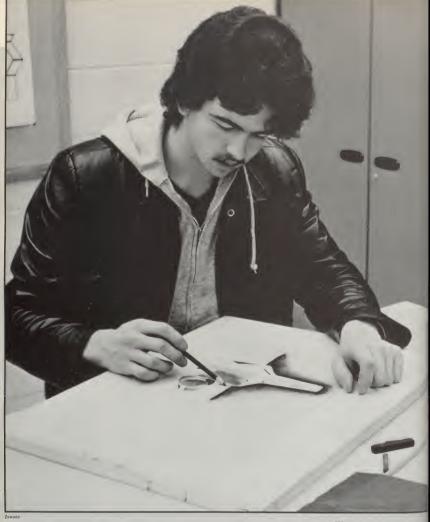
Voting for the first time may be a little scary. But there is a first time for everything.

"I was a little nervous, but I feel I've fulfilled my duty as a U.S. citizen," Riese also commented.

by SHAWN LYNN CUNNINGHAM

Geting additional information on candidates from Jim Edgcomb, economics teacher, is Keith Dowdy, senior. Economics and government classes keep students aware of current political issues. These two classes are required in order to graduate.







While sketching a pattern for draw class. Jeff Orton, senior, finishes other project. Many students at M took advantage of the courses offer by the art department.



Building CREATIVE minds

To produce through imaginative skill" is often defined as creativity. Many people at MHS have done just that in classes, such as home economics, industrial arts, art and music.

Nancy Nims, junior, said, "I want to learn how to be mentally creative. In doing this, I was able to learn how to create block letters."

Cindy Thomas, junior, who took Cake Decorating, said, "I've learned how to make cookies and cakes and how to decorate them."

Taking classes such as these has enabled students to use their imagination and creativity.

For example, Bob Ellis and Jim Sibincic, juniors, were building a boat in industrial

Jim said, "I took this class to prepare myself for courses like this in college." Many of the students who take classes like this in high school are preparing themselves in some ways for their future careers.

Jill Manoski, junior, said, "I took choir to help me in my future career because I have goals in this area."

Patti Tubbs, sophomore, took home economics. Tubbs said, "After taking home ec, I will able to get many jobs as a cook or an apprentice."

Many of the students have found it worthwhile to take these classes. Like Nims, other art students were able to enter their projects in contests.

These elective classes are helping the students to expand their views and use their mind in being creative.

After taking art classes in the past years, Anna Taleveski, senior, has been able to practice art on the side for money.

These elective classes have been proven to be very beneficial to those who take them.

Developing a project using the aide of this machine is Greg Thompson, senior. Industrial arts added a new member, Mike Krutz, to their teaching staff,

Carefully checking to see if his cake is perfect is a student from Lake Central High School. MHS cake decorating students gave helpful advice to many schools this year. Panda bears were just one kind of cake decorated.



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Building **BODY** Strength

ew and improved.

The MHS weight room has changed from an unstaffed area of dull walls and lifeless machines to a place of busi-

The weight room has been repainted and stereo speakers have been installed. More importantly though, Joseph Garvey, a man with the knowledge of body building, has taken charge. He has sparked the curiosity of students interested in weight training.

"I don't call this just a weight room," stated Mr. Garvey. "I like to call this my Growth and Development Center," he remarked

With a new look and new equipment, the MHS "Growth and Development Center" has much to offer.

The power leg machine is capable of three main exercises. All are designed to strengthen and enlargen the various muscles of the legs.

"I like the new machines. They provide for hours and hours of fun," remarked Larry Iglendza, junior.

"I'm glad they came in. The



Bounnharai

A fter instruction from the teacher, Michelle Thomas, sophomore, uses good serving form. Badmitton is only one unit taught during the required year of gym.

G earing up for the day's activities is Coach Lafey Armontrout's sophòmore gym class. Each class began with exerrises new machines make working out more enjoyable," stated Bill Zaikos, junior.

"We have Olympic bench press stations to strengthen and build the chest," informed Mr. Garvey. "The Peck Deck is a new machine which also concentrates strength in the chest"

Along with the preacher curl bench and various dumbells, ranging from five to forty pounds, the lifter can build and strengthen his arms.

The weight room was open to anyone every day after school from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

"I anticipate many more dumbells ... and I'm not referring to people either," remarked Mr. Garvey.

by TONY AZNAR



Starting out slow and building is the best way to start for some, which is what Tom Bounnnharai

sophomore is doing. Some students





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Physical Education

Public V. PRIVATE Schools

The curriculum offered by public and private schools are similar. Yet, some people think that private schools offer a better education.

"In my opinion, private schools offer a superior education. I think that because the school is privately funded they have more money to spend on materials and facilities," commented Gerry Hamera, a mother sent her daughter to Andrean.

"Public schools can be just as challenging as private schools," added Joyce Papala-

zarou, senior.

Besides the dress code, private schools have other strict rules that most public schools do not. For example, at Andrean the students are not allowed to decorate their lockers.

"Private schools aren't really bad, but some of their ways are hard to understand why you have to follow them. Sometimes they even seem to have some ridiculous laws," stated Beth Hammond, junior and former Andrean student.

Anyone may attend a public school. But admission to most private schools rests upon the score attained on an admissions test.

"They look for a specific kind of student. They don't want the fiffr aff," commented Margaret Stallings, home economics teacher and former Andrean student

On the whole, MHS students enjoy the freedoms that are available here.

"I appreciate the freedom of dress and sometimes speech," stated Roxanne McCann, sen-

To wear or not to wear a uniform. That is the guestion.

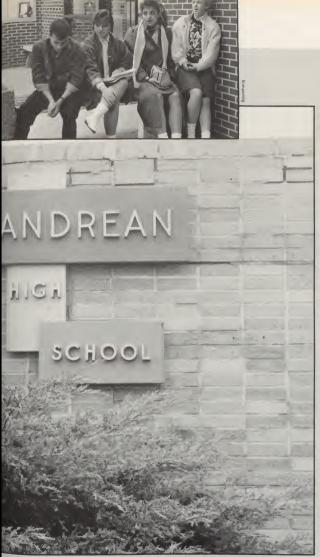
The required uniform is the most obvious difference between private and public schools. MHS has a dress code of course. Yet it allows for much more freedom than the uniforms at private schools.

"I went to a Catholic school for five years, and I would never go to a school where I had to wear a uniform again. It restricts your creativity too much," stated Patty Zolondz, junior.

by SHAWN LYNN CUNNINGHAM

In front of Andrean High School, this signs greets everyone on Broadway. MHS and Andrean compete in the classic "Battle of Broadway."







Zawada

At the entrance of MHS are four Andrean students. Many students from AHS waited for their buses at Merrillville.

Showing their school spirit is a group

Showing their school spirit is a group of Andrean High School students. Dressed in many a fashions they showed their school spirit.

Only one more **EXCUSE**

O ver the years, students acquire a variety of excuses on why they don't do their homework.

This list is probably only a few of the many excuses students find to put aside their homework.

A student won't do his homework because of:

Exhaustion. He can't do his homework when he is tired. Why should he take the time and get it all wrong when it's easier to go to sleep?

Social life. He tells his parents he is going to a friend's house to study. But, who studies?

Cramming. He doesn't do it because he feels he has enough time to complete it the day it's due.

Fine arts. The radio is having a commercial free music jam of extended tracks. Since it's commercial free, there is no time in between to do homework:

Rebellion. He is tough. He doesn't have to study.

Truthfulness. Why drag it home, it won't get done anyway.

Job market. He'd rather make some money, so he schedules all his week days for working.

Communications. She has to talk to her friend all night because of the latest gossip and to see if her best friend is

mad at her.

School spirit. He can't fit it into his schedule because of all the extra-curricular activities he's in.

"I'm just too lazy to do my homework. I'd rather crash out," said Gus Petsalis, sophomore.

Other students remarked if they didn't understand it, they neglected to do it.

"If I don't know how to do my homework, I don't do it," said Scott Civanich, junior.

Undoubtedly, jobs can take away from homework time. Alicia Rios, senior, said her reason for not getting her homework done is "I have to work."

Consequently, students find other excuses for not doing their homework.

Melinda Napalowski, junior, said, "Either my favorite T.V. show comes on or it's because somebody calls me."

Steve Lucas, sophomore, added, "I'd rather go out than do my homework."

by Krista Lewin

Engaging in conversation is sophomore. Tom Bounnharaj. Many students spent more time on the phone than doing homework.

Decorating the foyer, Debbie Hofferber, sophomore, does her share to promote spirit. Everyone agrees that MHS spirit has grown in the past two years.









During pre-season wrestling practice, Scott Reder, junior, tries for a take down. After school activities was often the excuse" for not doing homework.

Another day in the "Pit," Mike Knight, sophomore, finds that a day in the suspension room is a perfect reason for avoiding homework.



T eaching a lesson to her geome class is Jacquie Demaree. This is M Demaree's third year at MHS.

xplaining percents to his students is ram Idzior, math teacher. Concepts ight in first year algebra are always lewed in second year algebra

Hours spent on **HOME** test

A Ifred Alfred! Wake up! Go see Mr. O'Shea! There will be no sleeping in my class-

"But gee sir, I'm just plumtuckered out on a count of that take-home test in analytic geometry," replied Alfred.
"What take-home test?",

asks the teacher.

This is a question asked by both teachers and students alike. To most analytic geometry students, it is a terror like none they have ever witnessed.

This year the take-home test has been given out to students of Max Hutchison and Cliff Fackler.

Both teachers are known for their mind-boggling problems on these take-home tests.

As stated by Mr. Hutchison, "A take-home test is one in which the student takes it home with him to finish and have ready by 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

How long do these tests take to complete? According to Mr. Hutchison these should take about two hours to finish. However, for all but Einstein and perhaps Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Fackler, this is not the case.

"I went home after school and slept until about 9:30 p.m. Then I woke up and did my test until around 5:30 a.m. the next day," remarked John Croarkin,

Previously, most of Mr. Fackler's students didn't think they would be issued a takehome test. But, alas, Mr. Fackler didn't want to be too lenient, so he gave one a couple days later.

Even get-togethers among students on the night of the test were not as successful as students had hoped, for several versions of the test were is-

Although the dreaded takehome test was over, there were hints from both Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Fackler that another one would be given.

by TONY AZNAR

Taking a make-up exam in Cliff Fackler's College Algebra class is Linda Shesto, junior. Mr. Fackler has also been known to give difficult take home



Students APPLY knowledge

OAD, PROGRAM, POSTING AND GENERAL LEDGER, if you do not know these words, you would if you had taken a business course at MHS.

Classes in business are available from tenth grade through twelfth. These classes are an elective course at MHS. A general business course is required for all sophomores.

Most of the business classes taken at MHS are usually repreated in college. Classes in Accounting, Business Principals and Management can be helpful later in college years.

Chris Roberts, senior, said, "My business classes have helped me already, and I'm still in high school."

The materials taught in businesses class can help students learn how to file taxes, balance a checking account, run a business and other skills.

"I have opened up a checking account, and business class has really helped," commented Jennifer Terry, senior.

Typing classes at MHS are offered for boys and girls. These classes help students if they seek a career in the business field.

"I expect to enter into the field of business in college, and I feel that the business courses

Working together in Beverly Ambrosiak's accounting class are Tammy Barkauskas, senior, and Melanie Book, junior. Many students find that accounting classes are useful after high school.

I have taken have really helped me," stated John Porzuczek, senior.

Also, most college teachers require the work in their classes to be typed.

"I feel that keyboarding will be very helpful in college due to the fact that college teachers prefer typing to handwritten materials. It also looks more business related," concluded Judy LeDuc, business teacher. but MICHELLE SPOSATO

Looking quite frustrated, Greg Arceo, junior, looks for his mistake. Students found working with numbers required patience.

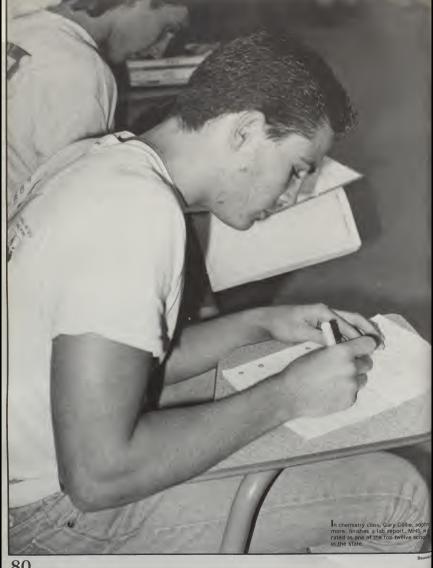


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D ave Zimmerman, business teacher, $\,$ MHS helped the school earn top honnlelps Bill Spurlock, senior, recalculate $\,$ ors in the state. In figures. The skilled educators at







Academic CLUBS expand

W hat comes to mind when you hear of JETS? A musical group? Maybe a football team? A fast flying aircraft?

At MHS, JETS is a club which stands for Junior Engineering Technical Society. To be in this club, one must be enrolled in a college preparatory science class.

Like any other club, there are many activities.

"We had some lectures, and we are hoping to plan physics olympics," commented Jerry Miller, senior.

Jim Vermillion, sponsor, stated, "At the present time, some of the members are working on computer interfacing projects, and some are working on laser experiments."

Chris Kurits, senior, explained, "The JETS club is for anyone interested in physics. We have sessions usually once every two weeks and discuss our interests in this class."

Lonnie Schreiber, senior, concluded, "The JETS club is a good way to help each other understand physics and have fun while you're studying. I would definitely recommend it for anyone who likes science and wants to learn more."

by JULIE METCALF

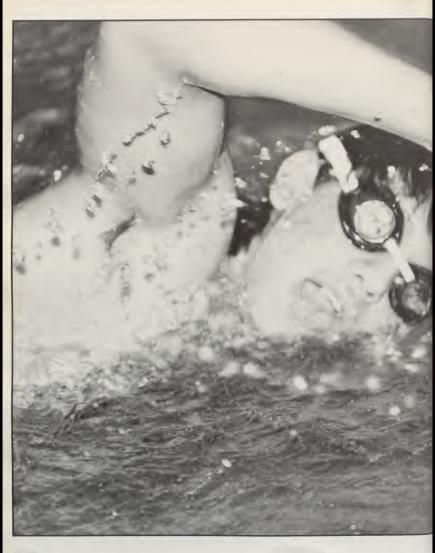
Finding the focal distance of a lense, Scott Rietman, senior uses his physics knowledge to complete the lab.



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Most college bound students take chemistry as sophomores. Working on an experiment in chemistry is Michelle Graeber, sophomore.

Draining his brain in calculus class is senior Jerry Miller. Miller is a member of the JETS team.





Winning

EDICATION gives MHS athletes the image of being number one. From 6 p.m., the gym floor is full of activity. While in snow, rain or sun, Pirates strive for excellence during practice or competition. For example, the swimming team awoke at 5 a.m. to begin practice at 6 a.m. Still, some find time to stay in shape when out of season. Many made use of the weight room facility or the track. No matter how you put it, MHS athletes paid the price.

TEAMWORK offered athletes a chance to grow and learn from one another. Athletes agreed that the only way to succeed is through the help of teammates. Pushing one another to their fullest potential paid off for the girls cross country team. Teamwork really comes into play when seniors, juniors and sophomores work together on the same team, which requires everyone to cooperate. Individuals can succeed, "but it's the team that counts" said several coaches. When it came to teamwork, MHS athletes found no trouble in "building an image."



C atching a quick breath, Mitch Davidhizar, junior, remembers to use excellent free style form, while striving for the finish. Members of the team arrive at.5 a.m. to begin practice.

T eammates stay on guard as Karin Cook, senior, leaps up to tip the ball over the net. The volleyball team won sectionals but was defeated by Lake Central in regionals.

Pirates celebrate Hobart victory

Demaree Field ... the thunder of feet pounding the ground ... the psychotic fans. What did these things have in common?

They portrayed the co-conference champion Merrillville Pirates of 1986.

"We mentally prenared ourselves for each and every game. We'd eat, sleep and live football all week," stated Mike Mackey, senior tight end. It is no wonder the Pirates trampled the enemy so many times this season.

Coach Frank O'Shea once again had given MHS a winning team. This time he sparked a 7-

1 regular season record and a victory over the Hobart Brickies. It was the first time in nine years that the Pirates defeated Hobart.

"No doubt about it, the most fun we had all season was beat-

Vari	ity Football	
	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	28	27
Chesterton	36	0
Portage	24	6
M. C. Rogers	40	0
Valparalso	7	6
Andrean	22	7
Hobart	13	11
LaPorte	6	20

ing Hobart," stated Brian Storey, senior.

Storey led the Pirates in rushing with well over 1000 yards and was held under 100 in only two games. Storey's durability and strength had the opponents catching their breath as he compiled score after score.

The Pirates offensive line constantly drove the defense back. Players Mackey, Brice, Lorentz, Abel, Mundell and Majcher earned the quote "The names don't ring a bell, the blocks do." (continued on page 86)



"We'd eat, sleep and live football all week."



Varily Football — Front Row. Jeff Yellon. Coach, B. Massermo, J. Ogego, J. Dan, J. Crane. M. Klevickas, D. Zon, T. Grynovich, J. Putt. Frank O'Sheo, coach, Second Row.: J. Meller, B. Yellovick, J. Markos, B. Lorentz, M. Swert, R. Yellovick, J. Markos, B. Lorentz, M. Swert, C. Carlon, C. C. Carlon,

Hypdimun, B. Trzakia, D. Tuckett, M. Oppla. Tom Peller, cook-FIHR Rew Boll Bergeson. coach, B. Warren, M. Naspinski, T. Olepiuk, R. Jaksic, P. Michael, T. Pgott, M. Belmonte, J. Morris, B. Bruce Sikth Row, Joe Afris, Caoch, M. Lash, B. Spurice's, J. Croarlin, T. Gil, J. Peyton, T. Bett, T. Spindis, J. Mreleis, P. Spoczak, L. Dopez Back Row, C. Green, J. Newman, M. Vincent, P. Midaughin, J. Lea, M. MacNey, S. Mundet, M. Ollian, J. Oppgo, Oed, M. Older, M. Older, M. Older, M. Older, J. Croarlin, J. Oppgo, Oed, M. Older, M. Older, J. Croarlin, J. Oppgo, Oed, M. Older, M. O

T aking a break from the excitement is Brian Storey, senior. For the second time, Storey broke 1000 and had the most career rushing yards.







P irate Coach Frank O'Shea, has his team's undivided attention as he bellows the game plan. This cooperation between team and coach took the Pirates to a 7-1 season.

Duty calls for fullback Mark Hidalgo, sophomore, as he breaks a hole for Brian Storey, senior. Hidalgo had an impressive season and lettered as a sophomore.

Lake Central destroys 'Storey' book ending

continued from page 84

Although the run was the Pirates' most effective approach. John Croarkin, senior, was consistently able to connect with Bob Stewart, junior, for long and short aerial attacks. Jon Lea and Tony Olejnik, juniors, also made up this militia.

A tenacious defensive line composed of Richards, Sopa-cak Markos and Lopez were able to halt the opponent. If and when a poor fellow was able to penetrate this line, he was welcomed by hits from Gill, Sell and Michael.

Following the naming of the

1986 Mr. Football Award (Chris Abel, senior) and the victory over Hobart, the Pirates were riding high. But, a quick turn of events would leave MHS shocked.

In their last conference game, the Pirates faced La-Porte for the conference

JV	Football	
	MHS	OPP
LaPorte	14	7
Chesterton	7	14
Portage	8	28
M. C. Rogers	21	7
Valparaiso	7	0
Andrean	14	15
Hobart	13	14

championship. However, MHS was handed a 20-6 loss and had to share the title with La-Porte and Hobart. Many felt this loss would ignite a greater force for the sectionals.

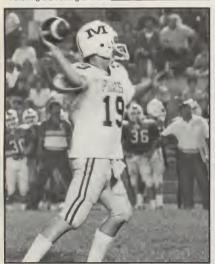
When tournament pairing rolled around, the Pirates were matched up with the Lake Central Indians. Many feared LC but the Pirates did not. MHS faced their foe with aggressiveness and confidence.

Unfortunately, in front of a packed house, the Pirates fell to the Indians in a 41-14 stun. A startling end to an exciting and excellent season.

by TONY AZNAR







Firing the ball to teammate is John Croarkin, senior. He set a throwing record of a 99-yard touchdown pass to Bob Stewart, junior. in the Portage Approaching the last minute of the game. Mark Hidalgo, sophomore, watches on as the Pirates struggle in the Lake Central game. Hidalgo was one of the few sophomore starters for the Pirates.





"No doubt about it, the most fun we had was beating Hobart"



J.V. Football — Front Row: Greg Pierson, coach, E. Rondez, J. McCormack, F. Bova, R. Bustos, T. Skatkeros, T. Kierzkowski, M. Parker. Bob Bergeson, coach, Second Row: E. Rossie. M. By. J. Berdine, J. Lilley, K. Daws, E. Gonzalez, P. Kambours, T. Wisson Third Row: Joe Altra, coach, J. Hague, J. Lunsdord, J. Regan, J. Philips, R. Perez, E. Real, J. Scheb, Tom Pellar.

coach Fourth Row: C Friedlund, M Herninger, T Black, M Schrenker, C Herrera, N Radoja, S Mynes, R. Relinske Fifth Row: J Wriston, H Hippie, G Stepp. M Shayotovich, L Summers, M Hiddage, S. McDanel, S. Gronowski Back Row: D. Heckler, S. Reder, T. Guba, J. Joseforsky, S. Orich, J. Massey, C. Castle

A fter the play is dead, Dan Sell's, senior, momentum is stopped by the referee. This was the first time the Pirates beat Hobart in nine years. **P** irate defense controls a Lake Central runner. Unfortunately, they lost to the Indians in the first game at sectionals, 41-14.





"The teams that we played were really good which helped me to improve and work hard."



Boys Golf — Front Row: Max Hutchison, coach, Ward Setmayer Keith Dowdy, Greg Chidsey, Mike



Girls Golf — Front Row: Carrie Swinford, Sherilyn Machacek, Kim Thurman Back Row: Lori Cook, N. Modrak, Rae Renner, Lori Tubbs, Nancy Nims, Nancy Loscaro, Jim Vermillion, coach



Senior leadership paces golf teams

The golfing Pirates got off to a good start. The two leading golfers for the boys were Ward Setmeyer and Greg Chidsey seniors. Setmeyer said, "The team has improved a lot this vear.

The Pirates also got consistency from the underclassman Brandon Glatt, sophomore.

Glatt commented, "I really enjoyed golfing on the team this year.

Max Hutchinson, boys golf coach, commented that the team did very well.

"We should be even better next year," said Coach Hutchinson.

On the other hand, the girls golf team not only improved their skills, but they gave MHS the best record ever. Overall, the Pirates ended their season 7-7 and finished 3-3 in confer-

Jim Vermillion, coach, stated, "A 500 record was good for them considering the tough competition we faced."

The Pirates encountered

tough competition and stateranked teams.

"Our schedule was very

Girls Golf		
	MHS	OPP
Rensselear	229	202
Hobart	231	342
Munster	251	208
M. C. Marquette	222	212
Knox	187	237
Andrean	209	215
M. C. Elston	203	194
Portage	212	226
Valparaiso	224	229
LaPorte	221	200
Chesterton	210	201
Lowell	199	209
M. C. Rogers	226	184
Lake Central	212	215
Boys Golf		
	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	177	161
M. C. Rogers	179	184
LaPorte	179	170
M. C. Elston	191	156
Andrean	166	185
Hobart	162	176
Portage	162	159
Valparaiso	159	166
Hobart	159	159
Chesterton	182	177
M. C. Rogers	182	191
Crown Point	178	182
Portage	170	177
Chesterton	170	166
LaPorte	178	172
Valparaiso	178	161
Lowell	168	201
Highland	168	174
Crown Point	171	172

competitive considering that we play five state-ranked teams. The girls did very well against Elston but lost by nine." added Coach Vermillion.

Nancy Nims, junior, com-mented, "The teams that we played were really good which helped me to improve and work hard."

However, the competition did not hinder the performance of Lori Tubbs and Nims who both missed regionals by two and six strokes respectively.

"The outlook for next year is excellent considering the Pirates only lose one senior and everyone else will be returning," explained Lori Cook, senior

Coach Vermillion concluded, "I was very pleased with the team's performance. Five different girls were in the 40's." by JAMIE HIDALGO, SHERYL

KRMPOTICH

Concentrating on how to hit her put. Rae Renner, junior, studies the green. The girls finished the season 7-7.

Displaying his form, Ward Setmayer, senior, prepares to chip the ball in the hole. According to Max Hutchinson, coach, the team "did very well."

After using his perfect form to hit the ball, senior Greg Chidsey looks on. Chidsey and Ward Setmayer, senior, paced the boys team.





Photos/Bounnharaj

Concentrating on her backhand, Tracy Wikse, junior, volleys it from the back court. Tracy was co-captain for the team.

Returning a serve from the base line. Mike Ahlqvist, senior exchange student from Swedan, makes contact with the ball. Ahlqvist was MVP of the team.



"The day that the season began, we had what we needed to win"



Girls Tennis — Front Row: Christine Chan, Diane Hebert, Christine Woldt, Heidi Bosile, Lin-da Kirk Jayne Maginot, Lara Buck, Christine Borman Back Row: Dave Zimmerman, coach.

Tamara Levinson, Jennifer Demure, Michele Santos, Nancy Knezic, Tracy Wikse, Vicki D'Asto, Debbie Tica, Barb Mazur, Donna Micic, Gina Gros



Boys Tennis Brydon Yoeman James Ison, John Vite Mike Ahlquist, Joe Nash Bob Woodburn Steve Shay. Ted Springer coach





Netters overcome injuries, inexperience

The Duneland Conference proved to be tough competition for the girls tennis team.

Even so, the girls kept their hopes high on their outlook of the season. The girls season ended in a 8-8 record in the regular season. The most valuable player on the court was Donna Micic, senior.

Dave Zimmerman was the new coach this season. He was the coach for the girls tennis team at Crown Point a year

Coach Zimmerman said, "The day that the season began, we had what we needed to win."

Despite the change, the girls seemed to adjust to their new coach appropriately.

The girls lost the sectionals in the second round to Andrean.

Tamara Levinson, senior, said, "Despite our losing season, we were able to keep our spirits high."

Coach Zimmerman said, "We were just one player away from winning the conference and sectionals." He added, "Unfortunately, we lost a very fine player for the season. Despite that setback, we were very competitive in conference play."

None of the Duneland Conference schools won by wimning more than the minimum necessary to win a match. "I feel that we could have just as easily won the sectionals as Andrean did," said Coach Zimmerman.

On the boys team, one MHS student had the "time of his life."

Mike Ahlqvist a native

Swede, a good tennis player, and a seventeen year old senior arrived in the country he

has always wanted to come to.

Ahlqvist dreamed of playing tennis in the United States, now it came true.

He compiled a 5 win 11 loss record and reached the championship match of the sectional before bowing out.

Calumet MHS OPP
Laks Central C 3
Laks Central C 3
A 7 Crown Point 0 5
Hammond 3 2
Hobort 0 5
Laks Calumet 0 5
Laks Calumet 0 5
Laks Calumet 0 5
Laks Calumet 0 5
Portage 0 5



Bounnharaj

"The playing is much different here than in Sweden, but I'm beginning to learn," said

"Without Mike this would have been a longer season than it was. The other kids really liked him. He had a cool attitude. I was glad to coach him," commented Ted Springer, coach

The Pirates were composed of only three seniors making this Coach Springer's youngest team ever.

"I'm very happy I was a part of this team being as I'm only a sophomore," stated Brydon Yeoman.

There was also junior James Ison, the number two singles player for the Pirates. James ended the season with a 1-7 record, but he improved with every match.

"This year was a rebuilding year. We needed more club players," said Coach Springer.

The Pirates played five ranked teams during their 2-12, campaign.

"We played LaPorte who was ranked 17th in the state and Calumet who was the best in Northwest Indiana," said Coach Springer.

"Even though we had a bad season, the guys hung together and gave it their best," stated James Ison

by MICHELLE SPOSATO, JON LEA

Striving to reach a low return, Donna Micic, senior, makes a desperate effort for the ball Micic sat out part of the season because of injuries, along with other team members

Individuals reach personal, school records

Developing the team was the main factor for both the girls' and boys' cross country teams. MHS runners had a slow start. The boys' team began the season working hard in order to make a turn around.

Scott McCowen, senior, said, "The reason we had a slow start was that some of the team members were not in shape vet."

The girls' team began with 31 sign-ups but dwindled down to 12 runners by the fall.

Lisa Bernstein, junior, stated, "What remained for both teams were quality runners who had a great attitude to succeed."

"Both teams tried to help each other out the best possible." stated Jim Kerr, junior.

Bernstein also mentioned, "We cheer each other on, even though our teammates are our biggest competition."

The girls' cross country team is coached by Steve Telfer. He has coached the team for two consecutive seasons. The team

has increased their season wins from 3 to 5

Coach Steve Nolan, boys' coach, has also worked hard to

Giris' (Cross Country	
	MHS	OPP
Lowell	66	54
Portage	66	19
M.C. Rogers	24	31
Hobart	34	21
Boone Grove	24	33
LaPorte	27	28
Valparaiso	38	17
Chesterton	49	15
Andrean	21	43
Munster	25	30
Bishop Noll	57	33
Lake Central	57	30

Bo	ys' Cross Country	
	MHS	OPP
Andrean	30	25
Roosevelt	33	24
Portage	71	25
Griffith	71	39
Lowell	71	112
Hobart	35	23
M.C. Rogers	31	25
Chesterton	50	15

develop his runners.

Kerr, commented, "Winning the Clark Invitational and placing fifth in our sectional were two of the highlights for our season this year.

While, Alison McCollum, iunior, stated, "We were proud of our conference win over Hobart, and our season win over Munster.

The girls' team improved their season record to 5-5 and the boys finished with a record of 4-5

"With hard work and a positive attitude, each member of the team worked to do better.' state McCollum.
by COLLEEN COLLINS

Trying to help the Pirates, Joe Massow, junior, is determined to push himself to the finish line. The team trained on hills and grass during the summer to prepare for meets.

A s the finish line approached, Sonja Trajkovski, senior, pushes herself to the limit, while passing a competitor. All the girls felt teammate support helped them work toward a 5-5 record.



photos/Zawada







**What remained for both teams were quality runners who had a great attitude to succeed."



Girls Cross Country—Front Row: Tracy
McCarty, Kim Connolly, Amy Gornik, Tracy Fernandez. Kelly Fernandez. Sonja Trajkovaki
Andrea Erler, Steve Telfer, coach.



Varsity Cross Country— Front Row: Matt Good, Jimmy Massow, Russell Madson, Jim Kerr Back Row: Steve Nolan, coach, Joe Mas-

Striving to be number one, Branko Semen, junior, displays his pride by mov-ing himself to lead the pack. The Pi-rates ended their season with a 1-7 Adesire to win brings Julie Joseforsky, senior, and Colleen Collins, junior, soaring to new heights. The Pirates finished 13-5.

"A lot of the girls are achievers, and if they didn't work together, they wouldn't have won 19 games."



Varsity Volleyball — Front Row: Brenda Hippie, Julie Joseforsky, Karin Cook, Jennifer Ogiego, Second Row: Julie Harris, Crystal Skrundz,

Cathy Arneson, Diane Jolevski, Dorthy Kapitan, Renee Vermillion. **Back Row:** Colleen Collins, Joe Starkey, coach, Karrin Burke.



JV Volleyball — Front Row: Kim Sebo, Nikki Bitter, Beth Hutchison, Lisa Herbert, Jodi Yagelski Back Row: Michelle Graeber, Melissa

Cook. Sue Koenig, Anne Kolodzinski, Darcy Lash, Karen Huber, coach.





Dedication pays off with sectional title

Loud, screaming cheers came from the audience as the Lady Pirates walked off the court with a sectional win.

Merrilliville beat Andrean 15-10 and 15-11 to advance to the sectional finals. Merrilliville then beat Valparaiso in the championship game to win sectionals. This was the first sectional win since 1984.

The Pirates beat Lew Wallace in the first game of regionals but suffered a defeat at the hands of a tough Hammond Clark

During the season, a lot of hard work and dedication paid off for the Lady Pirates volley-ball team. They came out on top in the Griffith tourney. They led with four straight wins and no losses.

Joe Starkey, coach, commented, "Winning the Griffith tournament was one of the biggest highlights of our season."

Karin Cook, senior, said, "I mentally prepared myself for

Voll	eyball		
4011	MHS	OPP	
E. C. Central	W	L	
Crown Point	ï.	w	
Andrean	w	ï	
Lake Central	i.	w	
M. C. Rogers	W	i.	
Lowell	w	i.	
Calumet	w	L.	
LaPorte	Ü.	w	
Bishop Noll	W	L	
Munster	W	L L	
Hobart	W	L	
Hammond Morton	W		
Griffith	L	w	
Highland	W	L	
Chesterton	W	L	
Portage	W	L	
Hebron	W	L	
Vaiparaiso	L	W	
			L

the games. Before each game I have a favorite song I listen to. While I listen to it, I picture, in my mind, my game that evening and imagine how I should play."

The team showed spirit on and off the court. Most of the screaming that was done at the games came from the bench.

Dorthy Kapitan, junior, stated, "Team spirit is definitely

something we have."
Kathryn Cantu, junior, commented, "Volleyball is becoming a more prominant sport in
Merrillville. As a cheerleader, it
is very exciting to watch and
cheer at the games."

Coach Starkey said, "A lot of the girls are achievers, and if they didn't work together, they wouldn't have won 19 games."

by LORI TUBBS





D isplaying her skills Julie Joseforsky, senior, surprises the opponent. Joseforsky was voted to the All-Conference Team and received the "Best Mental Attitude" award.

Good concentration helped Karin Cook, senior, perform to her ability. Cook lead the team to a sectional championship and had the most kills.

Seniors lead Lady Pirates to 17-4 season

Ranked 40 in pre-season polls, the talented lady Pirates. began the year with a crew that was ready to prove their strengths.

Coach Dave DeMuth believed that from top to bottom, 10 to 12 players deep, they matched up with just about anyone in Northwest Indiana.

The season opener against Crown Point proved their anxiousness, defeating the 14th ranked team 57-48.

Coach Demuth, mentioned, "We were intense and very hungry for a victory."

The Pirates highlighted their season with a Conference Co-Championship, in addition to being the Merrillville Holiday Tourney Champs, defeating Highland, 59-37, and Lake Central, 49-44

The Pirates also reached a number 11 ranking in the state. They finished the season with a record of 17-4.

Julie Joseforsky, senior, our loss to Crown Point in secgame, said, "Our team performed with a lot of confidence, most of which was high-

Girls Raskethall

Bishon Noll Hammond Morton LaPorte

Andrean Portage

Chesterton

Lew Wallace

Roosevelt Hobart Lake Station

Valparalso

Calumet M.C. Rogers

averaging 15.2 points per tionals, we also showed improvement throughout the season.

The Pirates faced Crown lighted by the seniors. Despite Point in the final game of sec-

tionals

Gina Flaharty, senior, said that the Pirates wanted to avenge an overtime loss to the Bulldogs in the last 1986 sectional semi-finals. She added. "The fundamentals of Crown Point decided the

Although the Pirates fell to Crown Point, 58-46, they expect to continue to be one of the best teams in the area.

Coach Demuth, concluded, "With a lot of hard work and dedication this summer. we can achieve many of the goals we did not reach this year."

by COLLEEN COLLINS

Distrought after loosing to Crown Point, Heather Charlesworth and Gina Flaharity, seniors, suffer the agony of defeat. The Pirates fin ished with a record of 17-4.

"Our team performed with a lot of confidence."

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ach Sheryl Krmpotich, Lisa Herbert, Tracy Fer-ndez, Beth Hutchison, Jim Vermillion, coach, cond Row: Sue Koenig, Laytonya Bankhead,

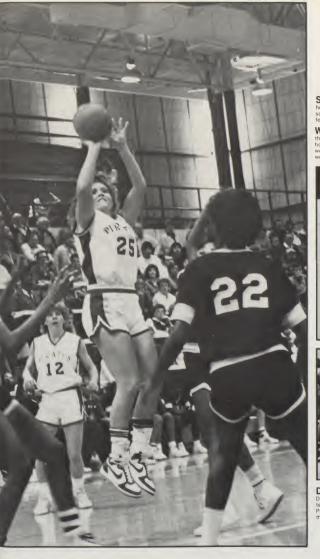
Cara Carrabine, Back Row: Julie Joseforsky, Gina Flarharty, Karin Burke, Tami Peters, Heather Charlesworth, Karin Cook.



chelle Thomas, Beth Hutchison, Julie Gibson, Amy Gornick, Tracy Fernandez, Back Row: Dave De-

muth, coach, Tina Skrundz, Karrin Burke, Koenig, Darcy Lash, Jim Vermillion, coach.





Setting up a jumpshot during a tough, home ball game, Gina Flaharity, senior, soars above the court. Flaharity suffered many injuries during the year.

While focusing in on her next free throw, Karin Cook, senior, puts her hours of practice to work. Practices were held regularly for over nine weeks.





Disturbed by a referees call. Coach Dave Demuth shows emotion during a tense moment at the Merrilliville-Crown Point game. Despite his enthusiasm, the Lady Pirates lost this game, 58-46.

Early morning practices 'pay off'

"Make hay while the sun shines." This would epitimize the hard work and dedication

Jennifer Toma, junior, said,

The highlight of the season for the girls' team came when they performed their best

Coach Jim Nickolov said, "Even though we lost to Michigan City Rogers, the girls performed their best match of the season.

voted MVP and placed sixth in the breast stroke in sectional competition.

Erdelac stated, "My time

One of the many exceptional performances from the team came when they defeated rival Crown Point, 98-76

Dave Gemeinhart, senior, commented, "I thought defeating Crown Point was a very big win for us because it gave the team a lot of confidence."

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Girls Swimming

Crown Point for sectional competition. They swam competitively with excellent results. Joe Nash, senior, qualified in the 50 and 100 free, and he eventually finished sixth in the

Nash stated, "I felt real good about swimming in state. I had a good year, and the team was outstanding.

Other state qualifiers were Mike Lesniak, junior and 200 free: Steve Pushka, senior and 100 breast, the 200 medley team; and the 400 relay team. by ERIC BAN, COLLEEN COLLINS

T eammates await his return for the final lap of the relay. Ben Albright, junior, finishes his leg of the butterfly while trying to catch his opponent. Albright swam varsity for the past two vears

W ith winning form, Cathy Erdelac, senior finishes her lap. Erdelac has participated on swimming teams for many vears



C oaching from the side of the pool is Carolyn Zygmunt, junior. Zygmunt commented, "It's important for our team to support each other, whether we're winning or losing.





"We practiced before and after school. I would come to school when it was dark and leave when it was dark.

"It was a little hard to get up in the morning, but I feel morning practices helped to increase my speed and endurance."

meet in a loss to Michigan City.

Cathy Erdelac, senior, was

was slower than usual. If I would have swam like I know I could, who knows what would have happened."

On the other hand, the boys swim team finished with a fine 8-6 record and defeated topranked teams.



"We practiced before and after school. I would come to school when it was dark and leave when it was dark."



Boys Swimming — Front Row: Eric Milisavljevich, Nick Knesic, Jeff Coto, Michael Lesniak, Eric Ortegon, Daniel Brankle Second Row: Jim Nicholov. coach, Michael Shirivoch, Jeremey Schaeffer, Ben Albright, Rodney Kaser, Steve Pushka, Scott

Hamilton, Charles Scates, Bob Campbell, diving coach, Back Rown Dave Gemeinhart, Brian Modrowski, Mike Lester, Joe Nash, Fred Glatz, Jim Schaeffer



Giris Swimming — Front Row: Edith Phillips. Raquel Villarreal, Particia Zolondz, Ann Marando, Mallor Kozak, Guiseppina Cammarata, Ann Marie Vernia. Jennifer Toms Second Row: Jim Nicholov, coach, Kris Erdelac, Susan Blanco, Julie Em-

erson, Stephanie Burg, Larissa Radczenko, Michelle Moskowitz, Cathleen Erdelac Back Row: Mark Owens, coach, Tracy Phillips, Corey Frekot, Jodi Paul, Monica Bardeson, Michelle Carlson, Kristen Toma, Bob Campbell, diving coach



Pirates celebrate 12-game streak, sectional title

Starting the season off with three losses, things looked a little grim for the Pirates.

However, with senior leadership and the goal to win sectionals, the Pirates grew together mentally and physically to help them win their next twelve games.

The Holiday Tournament was one highlight of the season as the Pirates defeated Lake Central, 70-50, in the first game, and then went on to defeat Highland in the championship game, 63-59

Then the Pirates lost two weekend games, Portage, 53-51, and Gary Roosevelt, 56-53.

This was a great disappointment after the 68-64 double. overtime victory over third ranked Michigan City Rogers. This victory helped the Pirates capture the title as Co-Champi- Highland in the first game by

ons of the Duneland Athletic Conference.

Chris Abel, senior, said, "It was really great to win 12 games consecutively, but losing helped us realize what we had to improve to win section-

Even though the Pirates broke their winning streak. they continued to play strong and won their last three games of the regular season.

Coach Jim East, said, "We had our ups and downs, but our regular season record was nothing to be disappointed about. We ended up with a 15-5 winning record.

Co-Conference Champs just wasn't enough for the Pirates as they captured the sectional title. Despite a lack of spirit and low attendance, they beat two points and beat Griffith. 71-50

Bill Zaikos, junior, said, "As the championship game approached against Crown point. we felt that we had more support behind us. There was a lot of spirit among the fans."

Crown Point became the team to beat. With top scorers John Lea, junior, and Mark Vincent, senior, the Pirates were able to defeat the Bulldogs, 50-

Joel Paska, senior, said, "It was awesome to win, but we couldn't stop there. We had to think about regionals. In regionals the Pirates had

trouble on the court, and Roosevelt defeated the Pirates, 80-59, ending the season.

Coach East, said, "They

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Varsity	Basketball	
	MHS	OPP
West Side	58	63
Wallace	53	62
Andrean	54	57
Valparaiso	56	47
Hammond	60	49
Hobart	78	45
Chesterton	62	51
dammond High	60	49
lobart	61	39
Chesterton	73	61
ake Central	73	64
Savit	83	54
Crown Point	68	64
aPorte	51	53
Roosevelt	53	56
Highland	79	54
C. Central	52	48
owell	54	37

 ${}^{\mbox{\tiny c}}\mathbf{W}$ e had our ups and downs, but our regular season record was nothing to be disappointed about"



Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Eric Czarnecki Tony Scott, Nate Gist, managers Second Row: Bill Zaikos, Rob Schultz, John Lea, Eric Ban, Chris

Back Row: Jim East, coach, Bill Platt, coach, Jovo Manojlovic, John Wilczynski, Mark Vincent, Joel Paska, Marty Miller, Don Slys, coach, Sherm Iz-



Berdine, Mike Parker, Brydon Yeoman, Kevin Banashak, Mark Shayotovich Back Row: Sam Or-

kich, Jay Newman, Jim Joseforsky, Jeff Miller Gordon Hill, Rob Schultz, Don Slys, coach.

Wilczynski first MHS player named to Indiana All-Star team

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made goals and one was to win sectionals, which they did. They were the nicest bunch of kids I've had to work with in a long time."

Not only did the Pirates perform well as a team but also individually. John Wilczynski, senior, received many honors.

He was chosen to play for both the Huntington Tip-Off Club and the Calumet All-Star Team. Wilczynski was also named to the Indiana All-Star Basketball Team. He was the first basketball player in the history of MHS to receive this honor.

According to Coach East, "The boy's play a two game series against the Kentucky All-Stars. This tournament is known as the 'World Series of

known as the 'World Series of High School Basketball'.'' Wilczynski added, "Being

chosen to the Indiana All-Star team was my greatest achievement individually, but our team winning the title of Sectional Champs was the most memorable."

Other members finished the season with high achievements.

Zaikos finished with 133 out of a 417 team total. He also lead the team with 39 steals.

Following behind Zaikos in assists and steals was Eric Ban, senior, with 117 assists and 29 steals

Leading the team in offensive rebounds was Wilczynski with 49 and Vincent with 40.

Coach East, said, "We made our goals and achieved them. What I really think helped the team was that they were not only team members, but they were friends."

by REAGAN PLESHA

"T o the winner belongs the spoils," said Eric Ban, senior guard, after capturing the Highland Holiday Tournament title and its game net. Ban received a honorable mention for the Academic All-State.

C-ontrolling traffic. Jim East, coach, calls the shots on the sideline. He reached the century mark of wins at MHS.

J.V. Bas	ketball	
	MHS	OPP
West Side	42	46
Wallace	49	60
Andrean	37	41
Valparaiso	42	43
Hammond High	43	41
Hobart	37	39
Chesterton	36	26
Lake Central	41	50
Hammond Gavit	44	25
Crown Point	30	44
LaPorte	42	43
Munster	59	39
M.C. Rogers	60	47
Portage	34	41
Roosevelt	45	55
Highland	46	44 35
E.C. Central	34	35

















¹⁴T he bigger they are, the harder they fall" was the phrase when Mark Vincent, senior, shook the gym when he sprained his ankle at the Chesterton game. The Pirates continued, however, to defeat the Trogans, 62-51.

Determination. John Lea, junior, shows that he can act like Michael Jordan. In the game, John Wilczynski outscored Wallace's star Jerome Harmon, 30-29.

S tarting the offense, Chris Abel, senior, tries to find an outlet. The Pirates opened the season with a loss against Gary West Side in the Civil Rights Classic.

Pirates win DAC; girls qualify for state

Injuries hampered the gymnastic team most of the season. But, they were still successful.

"I thought our biggest injury was our attitude. Luckily, it improved toward the end of the year. If it hadn't of changed, we wouldn't have gotten as far as we did," stated Mikki Dudak, junior.

Edie Phillips, junior, added, "At the beginning of the season, we had a rough start. But, we ended up pulling it together."

The gymnasts finished their season, 9-1. Their only loss was to Chesterton, the eventual Duneland Athletic Conference champions.

During their victorious season, Denise Vazquez, junior, broke the school record on the balance beam, with a score of 9.55

Winning sectionals, Vazquez stole the show when she beat her arch rival from Crown Point, Ami Shach, in all around competition.

At regionals, Vazquez and

	Team One	
	MHS	OPP
M.C. Rogers	103.80	87.10
Lowell	100.50	82.75
Hobart	104.10	79.75
LaPorte	102.20	88.00
Munster	103.60	90.40
Portage	104.10	85.20
Chesterton	105.40	106.20
Valparaiso	107.80	106.45
Highland	102.85	98.85
	Team Two	
	MHS	OPP
M.C. Rogers	85.50	31.10
Lowell	85.75	14.80
Hobart	86.55	00.00
LaPorte	86.25	63.50
Munster	63.60	00.00
Portage	90.80	69.70
Crown Point	90.45	74.40
Chesterton	86.60	90.45
Valparalso	91.25	87.80
Highland	94.20	50.60

Amy Roberts, senior, both packed their bags for state. The team missed qualifying and lost the chance to defend their 1986 state title. However, Vazquez qualified in the allaround and Roberts in floor exercise.

Nancy Campbell, sophomore, commented, "The highlights of the season were winning sectionals and beating Chesterton in the conference meet."

Even though the Pirates scored higher than Chesterton at the conference meet, Chesterton was awarded the conference title. But, Vazquez, again, won first in all-around.

Finally, Diane Roberts, coach, was chosen to represent this district as "Coach of the Year," a national honor.

by **HEATHER KIRK**



W ith great concentration, Dawn Hebert, sophomore, balances at the edge of the beam. MHS lost only to Chesterton, finishing 9-1.

"At the beginning of the season, we had a rough start."



Gymnastics — Front Row: Maureen Kierzkowski, Cheryl Mahaffey, Michelle Puskar, Dawn Hebert, Michelle Schreiber, Denise Vazquez, Michelle Dudak Back Row: Bill Roberts, coach, Renee Mishler, Jennifer Ogiego, Edie Phillips, Nancy Campbell, Amy Roberts, Diane



P icture perfect. Denise Vazquez, junior, uses her gymnastic skills in one of the events. Vazquez qualified for state in all-around competition.

In front of the home crowd, Edie Phil-lips, junior, performs her floor routine dur-ing the 1986-87 gymnastic season. Floor exercise is one of four events in a gymnastics meet.





V aulting over the vault, Reneé Mishler, senior, displays her form. The gymnastic team always cheered on fellow team members.

Mark Rosenbalm takes third at state

The lost of six matmen to graduation may help explain why the 7-4 Pirates fell short of the Duneland Conference title for the first time in five years.

When you lose that many people it hurts the team, commented Coach Tom Cameron. "Every meet was a struggle, but the team pulled together and did a fine job." he added.

Tom Cameron, a former state champ himself, coached three wrestlers down state. Bill Truitt, Henry Lorenz, juniors, and Mark Rosenbalm, sophomore, set out for Indianapolis with one thing in mind, a state championship.

Rosenbalm clinched a third place title at 98 pounds. He defeated Gabe Zirkelbach 3-0 to finish the season with a record

of 37-1. Also placing was Bill Truitt at 177 pounds. He placed sixth at state and finished 28-4.

Lorenz, who also competed at state, stated, "Going down state is the greatest accomplishment I have acheived. My loss the first day was depress-

Wre	estling	
	MHS	OPP
Crown Point	33	34
Laporte	31	26
Portage	31	33
Andrean	60	5
F.W. Snyder	27	31
Goshen	27	27
Penn	14	45
Plymouth	42	24

ing, but I'll never forget the tremendous feeling of being there with the best wrestlers in the

Determination and hard work made up for what the team lacked in experience.

"We had no leadership at the beginning of the season. But the team started to grow into the way MHS wrestling teams have been in the past, a family," commented Lorenz.

Rosenbalm said, "I think Coach Cameron is one of the best coaches out of any high school and he adds life to a wrestling team."

by SHAWN LYNN CUNNINGHAM

Working his way to pin, Bill Truitt, junior stays on top to gain a few extra points. Truitt was one of the three MHS team members to compete at the state meet.





With a close eye on the match, the referee waits for Mark Rosenbalm, sophomore, to pin his opponent. Rosenbalm worked hard to receive the most pins this season, pinning every one of his opponents.

Agressiveness and strength both work together for Hank Lorenz, junior, as he wrestles his opponent to the mat. Lorenz finished first in the conference sectional and regional, but he was defeated in the state meet





 ${}^{\mbox{``}}E$ very meet was a struggle, but the team pulled together."



Yarsity Wrestling — Front Row: Mark Rosenbalm, Steve Rodriguez, Brandon Collins, Ed Pendoski, Nick Papageorge, Jeff Pysh, Scott Reder, Brad Frentress, Back Row: Mike Krutz, coach, Erik Gonzalez, John Mazurek, Kelly Jedynak, Henry Lorenz, Bill Trutt, Mark Hidalgo, John Kouskousakis, Gus Petsakis, Albert Stazinski, coach, Tom Cameron, coach.



J.V. Wrestling — Front Now: Mark Vanscroyk, Nick Trajkewski, Phil Broda, Jeff Owyer, Scott Hicks, Jamie Nixon, Chris Rassbach, J.P. Origel Second Row: Tom Bounharaj, Jim Kerr, Chad Lorenz, Steve Shay, Dominic Vasile, Tony Holloway, Tom Grynovish. Back Row: Albert Stazinski, coach, Eli Neal, Gus Petsalis, Mark Lash. Andy Schultz, Mike Pappas, Nenad Raduja, Mike Krutz, coach, Tom Cameron, coach.

Exploding after a well hit ball is Colleen Col-lins, junior. Collins lead the Pirates to Dune-land Conference and sectional titles.





Technique and confidence. Michelle Schmidt, junior, shows how it's done. The Pirates were ranked 4th at the end of the season.

"Swing level, eye contact," explains Coach Bob Bergeson. Fundamentals was one of the major points stressed by Coach Bergeson throughout the season.



Collins, Arneson pitch Pirates to state playoffs



"This was the greatest team in the history of MHS," boasted Coach Bob Bergeson.

The Lady Pirates' 18-3 record certainly reflected some light of what Coach Bergeson stated

"The high point of the season was beating No. 1 ranked Lafayette Harrison," stated Coach Bergeson.

"Then I knew there wasn't a team we couldn't beat on our way to winning state. After all, our team is equal in all aspects of the game," he added.

Top pitchers Colleen Collins and Cathy Arneson, juniors, ERA's 1.52 and .79 respectively, mowed down opponents to contribute to the defensive aspect of the Lady Pirates' talent

"I think the dedication to practice and the game helped Colleen and I do the job," commented Arneson.

Linda Gogola, senior, led the

JV Soft	lball	
	MHS	OPP
Thornwood	6	5
Andrean	6	5
Crown Point	6	5
Valparaiso	15	5
Lake Central	4	2
Highland	5	2
Lake Central	6	1
Munster	18	10
Crown Point	9	2
Andrean	23	7
LaPorte	18	7 2 2 9
Valparaiso	23	2
Highland	0	9
Munster	4	3
Lafayette Harrison	14	6
LaPorte	28	3
Softb	all	
	MHS	OPP
Thornwood	4	5
Lowell	34	2
Hobart	8	0
Chesterton	15	0
M.C. Rogers	3	0
Valparaiso	6	2 7
Portage	8	7
Highland	3	2 2
LaPorte	10	2
Hobart	3	4
M.C. Rogers	7	0
Chesterton	5	1
Lake Central	9	7
Munster	5	3
Valparaiso	15	0
Laf. Harrison	9	7
Portage	7	0

team at the plate with a .565 batting average. Sheryl Krmpotich, Lori Tubbs, juniors, and Gina Flaharty, senior, followed with 386, 387 and .328 averages.

"Not only did we have good defense, but an overpowering arsenol as well," remarked Michelle Schmidt, junior.

"Senior leadership played a big part in our success," said Coach Bergeson.

"Julie Joseforski and Flaharty always kept the team up and on their toes," he added.

When asked what expectations he has for the 1988 Lady Pirates, Coach Bergeson responded, "We're only losing four, and eleven players are returning along with both pitchers Collins and Arneson."

What do you think?

Concentration and fundamentals are shown by Brenda Hippie, senior. Hippie was the key to the Pirate defense.

"I knew there wasn't a team we couldn't beat on our way to winning state."



Yarsity Softball — Front Row: Colleen Collins, Brenda Hippie, Michelle Schmidt, Linds Gogola, Julie Joseforsky, Sheryl Krmpotich, Lori Tubbs, Gins Flaharty, Tracy Wiltfong, Second Row: Kevin

Yagelski, Crystal Skrundz, Sheryl Depta, Cathy Zimmerman, Cathy Arneson, Dee Dee Cortez, Kristy Wrght, manager, Bob Bergeson, coach.



JV Softball -- Front Row: Christine Barker, Amarda Belshaw, Michele Puskar, Margo Wiltfong Monica Witt, Christine Soutz, Back Row, Malon

Micheal, Michelle Thomas, Melissa Cook, Michelle Graber, Anne Kolodzinski, Darcy Lash, Karen Smith, Pat Mulloy, coach.

"We were playing some real good soccer our first few games



Soccer — Front Row: Phil Skaroulis, Shawn McNab, Tony Doreski, Mark Karamacoski, Mike Soffa, Chris Kurtts, Eric Rossi, Mike Perdicolo-gos, Pete Kavadas, Back Row: Dyke Randolph,

Tim Soules, Nick Knesick, Terry Wood, Jovo Manolojvic, Drajic Micic, John Christos, Bill Truitt, Eric Ban, Ned Kostur, Mike Pugeski, Zoran Korteski, Mike Kroski, Pete Reise, coach.



To keep the ball under control, Eric Ban, senior volleys the ball back and forth down the field. The soccer team played all of their home games at Har-rison Junior High.

B efore beginning the game. Tony Doreski, senior, warms up by dribbling the ball around the field with other teammates. The sport still remains unsanctioned by ISHAA.



Photos/Zawada

Loss of key players hurts season

The MHS soccer team had a record of 4-7, which was no indication on how the season went.

Considering that the Pirates started with eight underclassmen. The Pirates began the year winning their first four games beating Whiting, Hammond Clark, Hammon Gavit and Highland.

Then the Pirates lost seven games in a row. The losing streak could be attributed to injuries as well as suspensions.

Mike Budzevski, junior, stated, "We lost a lot of key players due to injuries."

Also, he commented, "After



the brawl at Chesterton, some players were red-carded and could not play the payt game."

could not play the next game."

Even though the Pirates lost their last couple games, they

beat top ranked Highland. Tony Doreski, senior, explained, "That win really boosted our confidence."

One inconvenience for the team was playing at Harrison Junior High. Budzevski stated, "I don't think its fair because we play for MHS not for Harrison."

Dragic Micic. junior captain concluded, "We were playing some real good soccer our first few games, but then we got a few key injuries in some important starting positions. Without the injuries it could have been a totally different season."

by SHERYL KRMPOTICH





Looking for a teammate. Jovo Monojlovic, senior, tries to throw the ball back into play. Compared to last year, the soccer team had a better record.

Nudging and pushing one another, Ned Kostur, senior, fights for the chance to kick the ball. Some games ended up in fights with other teams.



Dedication creates successful combination

To be a high school athlete, there is a lot of dedication involved.

For the girls track team, this included practice every day after school (even in the rain), and if you missed a practice, you were expected to make it up the next morning before school.

"It think our 'make-up' policy for practices had a lot to do with people coming to practice every day. No one wanted to make it up the next morning. However, for people who had to work, that caused a problem," commented Wendy Eaton, senior.

The track team had a slow start, but as the girls started working and improving, the team started adding up the wins.

Julie Gibson, sophomore,

Girls	Track	
	MHS	OPP
Lake Central	50	69 53
Hobart Andrean	50 50	45
Gavit	48	18
Calumet	48	49
Chesterton	60	58
Calumet	64	33
Bishop NoII	64	51
Lake Central	44.5	50
Hobart	44.5	53.5
LaPorte	38	80
Hobart	53 65	65 53
Valparaiso M.C. Rogers	100	18
Crown Point	00.5	22
Hobart	36.5	00.3
Andrean	93	34
Munster	93	21
Portage	46	00.3

stated, "I really enjoyed my track season. Everyone on the team supported each other. But, even though our practices were tough, we found the time to have a lot of fun, too."

For the first time a "2 mile" race was an event in competition. Amy Gornik, sophomore, qualified for sectionals in this

Cara Carrabine, junior, had an outstanding season. She won all her high jump events until she was defeated at regionals.

Also, at regionals, Reagan Plesha, senior, took fourth place in discus. Pleasha than advanced to state.

In the end, all the dedication and hard work paid off for the track team, and the girls agreed, "practice does make perfect!"

by JULIE METCALF

A fter completing her throw, Reagan Plesha, senior, follows through on her form as she watches the shotput. At regionals, Plesha placed fourth in discus which advanced her to the state meet.

Only seven laps to left! Amy Gornik, sophomore, uses good form and maintains a good mental attitude when running the two mile. This was the first year for the two mile race.

"I really enjoyed my track season. Everyone on the team supported each other."



Girls Track — Front Row: Micnelle Schrieber, Amy Gornik, Genta Jansen, Kathy Kurowski, Kim Connoly, Kelly Fernandez, Julie Gibson, Sonja Trojkovski, Tammy Tabor, Sherry Guernsey, Tracy Fernandez: Second Row: Vanessa Vazquez, Karen Pochop, Anna Smith, Becky Zawacki, Gail Anderson, Niki Modrak, Alison McCollum. Wendy Eaton, Jamie Hidalgo, Heather Ely, Back Row: Coach Kaen DeVries, manager, Kathy Peters, Heather Hopper, Tam mine Picard Cara Carabine, Susan Christoff, Reagan Plesha, Jackie Fäshing, Beth Hutchison Karen Komechak, Becky Stewart, Joe Atria, coach, Jeff Yelton, coach.







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Runners capture Griffith Relays; Lopez goes to state

After three consecutive months of constant practicing. under the direction of Coach Lafev Armontrout, the boys track team finally started their season with only five seniors.

"We had a pretty good season. But, our problem was we didn't have enough upperclassmen. The team should be really strong in a couple of years, stated Jim Dimitri, senior.

The team finished their season with a 4-4 record in dual meets

On the other hand, some

members felt that lack of practicing might have affected the team's progress.

Bob Stewart, junior, explained, "The team would have been better if more members would have practiced.'

The MHS runners won the Griffith Relays. They came in first place out of six other schools. Also, they placed first in the Duneland Conference

"I had my best day at conference, but it wasn't good enough. I got two second

places," commented Louie Lopez, junior.

The team continued on to place fourth in the sectional meet. They ran against the de-

Boy	s Track	
	MHS	OPP
Andrean	107	20
Chesterton	48	79
Roosevelt	43	84
LaPorte	71	56
Hobart	83	44
Valparaiso	50	77
M.C. Rogers	95	32
Portage	47	80

fending state champions, Gary Roosevelt.

Scott Gronowski, sophomore, said, "We did respectable this year. But, with all the young team members, the future looks very bright."

Mike Heminger, sophomore, lengthens his stride as he approaches the finish line. Heminger ran in many sprints and relays throughout the sea-

Coming out of the starting blocks is Jim Dimitri, senior. Dimitri was a strong runner for the Pirates this season.







S howing his perfected form is Louie Lopez, junior. Lopez finished second in regionals and advanced to the state meet in Indianapolis.

To keep up their pace, Jeff Morris and Frank Erfurth, seniors, make a quick handoff. The conference meet was at Valparaiso.



Photos/Zawada





Third basemen, John Porzucek, senior, gets ready in the field. "Chooch" may pursue a career in baseball after he graduates.

T aking full advantage of a pass ball, Greg Banzen, senior, heads home. The '87 pirates' base running was the best in Coach Bill Metcalf's reign.





Pirates defeat key opponents 'when it counted'

The varsity baseball team struggled to put the hitting, pitching and defense together, but they had the talent needed to win when everything fell into place.

Coach Bill Metcalf stated, "Beating Crown Point in a double header, 6-5 and 12-7, was the biggest highlight of our sea-

"This win was a accomplishment because Crown Point was ranked No. 1 in the state at the beginning of the season." ad-

ded Jim Cunningham, senior.
Although the Pirates only had four returning letterman, the team's talent was evident when they won their first conference game against Hobart

Gerry Croarkin, senior, mentioned, "Shutting out Hobart, who finished season play with a record of 22-5, was one of my personal highlights." Croarkin had a ERA of 4.17.

New sparks added to the varsity squad were Mike Parker and Sammy Mynes who were brought up from JV. Parker, ended the season playing at second base, and Mynes added some back-up depth behind the plate.

"Senior leadership was important to underclassmen on and off the field," commented Phil Michael.

Players who served key roles for the Pirates were Croarkin, John Porzuczek and Jim Cunningham, seniors, on the mound. In addition, Banzen batting .342, Steve Haller .327, and John Croarkin .310, played important roles with their hitting and glove.

The Pirates ended the season with a conference record of 3-9 and season at 10-17.

Although the talent was close to being equal to last year's team, Gerry Croarkin concluded, "I know we could have beat every team we've played so far, and I believe the rest of the team feels the same way."

by COLLEEN COLLINS

E yeing the pitcher, John Croakin, senior, gets his chance to help the pirates. Pirate were consistent for most of the season

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 $^{\circ\circ}S_{\text{enior leadership}}$ was important to underclassmen on and off the field.



Varsity Baseball — Front Row: Bill Zaikos, Mike Barton, Mike Parker, Rich Day, John Porzuckek, Steve Nelson. Back Row: Bill Metcalf, Coach, Gregg Banzen, John Croarkin, Tony Aznar, Gerry Croarkin, Jim Cunningham, Jon Lea, Phillip Micheal, Sammy Mynes.



JV Baseball — Front Row: Mark Hildalgo, Brett Jones, Mark Rosenbalm, manager, Milena Jasnic, manager, Denice Hernandez, Keith Lash, Eric Milisavljevich, Joseph Napalowski.

Back Row: Roger Perez, Gerold Phillips, Dennis Hinkel, Greg Stepp, Jimmy Joseforsky, Shawn Littlejohn, Mark Shayotovich, coach Fenton Marke

Cheerleaders promote teams with signs

Go! Fight! Win!

These are a few words shouted by cheerleaders during a

Cheerleaders are chosen because of their ability to be spirited and to get the fans involved into the games.

Cheerleaders are encouraged to attend a cheerleading camp for one week during their summer vacation. They learn new cheers and new ways to

promote spirit in their school. Kelly Burke, senior, said "Camp was GREAT, and it really gave our squad a chance to grow closer together. We became much more spirited which helped us win Top Cheerleading Squad at DePauw Cheerleading Camp.

The cheerleaders have tried many different projects to promote spirit in the high school.

They have made signs, painted the windows by the office and sold buttons to try to get the students involved in athletic activities.

Lisa Marovich, junior, said, "There's usually a good crowd at the football games but hardly anyone goes to the basketball games. I feel that the students get burned out by school functions by the time basketball season arrives."

Dawn Musgrove, senior, said, "We try hard to get everyone to come to the games to support the teams, but if they don't want to go, we can't force them' by REAGAN PLESHA

Camp was great, and it really gave our squad a chance to grow closer together."



II and Volleyball - Front Row: Sue Bounnharaj, Kathryn Cantu. Second Row: Dawn Porter, Michele Santos, Ronale Dubowski. Third Row Tracy Philips, Jennifer Erfurth, Heather Peters. Back Row: Debbie Colvin





With total concentration, Lisa Maronvich, junior does her share to promote spirit. The varsity cheerleaders won top honors at cheerleading camp.

"We try hard to get everyone to come to the games to support the teams."



Varsity Cheerleaders — Front Row: Dawn Musgrove, Kelly Burke, Amy Roberts, Second Row: Mikki Dudak, Ann Mestousis, Lisa Marovich, Sue

Bounnharaj Back Row: Debbie Galka, Cara Carrabine, Karen Kruzan, Tracy Wikse



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Helping to decorate the lobby, Amy Roberts, senior, promotes spirit for the basketball sectionals. The cheerleaders also put up signs and streamers to add spirit to the hallways.

Before the varsity basketball sectionals, seniors, Dawn Musgrove and Kelly Burke, paint themselves with spirit.





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Sharing

RIENDSHIP bloomed during high school as students met new people but didn't breet old friends. Through thick and thin friends

forget old friends. Through thick and thin, friends stuck by one another. An ear to listen, a helping hand or a fun night out made friendships special. Most students felt they could not survive the three years without the encouragement, support and advice given by friends. As students established new friends and met several people, MHS grew into a friendly atmosphere.

UNIQUENESS allowed MHS students to be individuals. MHS portrayed the image of being yourself, a leader. Dressing new wave or punking out with a new hair cut, students displayed their creativity. From punk to new wave, the "in" look to preppy, everyone had their own idea about fashion trends. Others fought for what they believed in: the lockout, renewal of pep rallies and pushing school spirit. By combing these qualities, a unique "image" began to grow.



T raveling over 45 minutes, dedicated fans gather in LaPorte to display their unique school spirit. During the game, fans flung toilet paper into trees, tossed confetti and sprayed crazy string to keep the excitement going.

Practice begins once Ralph Guerrero, senior, takes charge in conducting the band. Band members volunteer to participate in the pep band for basketball and football games.

After attending MHS for 3 years,

SENIORS

look to the future

Three years at MHS have been completed by the Class of 1987.

Where did the time slip by and what will the future hold for the 479 seniors?

Many seniors went on to further their education, while others entered the military or job market.

Mike Gavelak, senior, said, 'After I graduate I'm going

straight into the Navy."

"I'm going to Valparaiso University to study nursing next year," added Jill Lamfalusi, senior.

Some people found it more profitable to go straight into the job market instead of wait-

ing until after college.

Scott Henderson, senior, stated, "After attending the career center, I am prepared to

enter the job market straight from high school."

by CHRISSY FIGUEROA

S enior Class Officers — Rocky Se bastian, Anna Talevski, Lori Cook.

A ta Quest Class Open House, Dawn Musgrove, Senior, introduces her mother to the class and other guests. Seniors began to enjoy their last year with classes such as Quest









Christopher Abel — Basketball 10.11,12; Choir 9: Mr. Football 12; Football 10.11,12; Basketball Homecoming Court 11: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Prom Court 11: Milan Adamovich — Football 9,10; Soccer 11,12; Margle Aesch







David M. Balog. Eric John Ban — Basketball 10.11.12: Choir 9: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Newspaper 9: Quill & Scroll 11. officer 12: Soccer 11.12: Spanish Club 10: Student Council 9.10.11; Tennis 9.10; Yearbook 11.12. Gregg Banzen — Baseball 9.10.11.12: Basketball 9: Football 9.

Rich Barandela — Football 9; Newspaper 11.12; Swimming 9. Ron Barandela. Tammy Barkauskas — French Club 10; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10; Quest Club 12; Student Council 9, officer 10.11.

Matt Beeier — Chess Club 12; Football 9. Constance Susan Belshaw — National Jr. Oncor Society 9; Pom pons 9.10,11,12: Quest Club 12; Softball 10,11; Spanish Club 10. David Benson — Building Trades 11,12.

Pamela Bernstein — Choir 9; Pom pons 9; Quest Club 11; Junior Achievement 10. Suzette Lynn Bills — Choir 9; German Club 10.11.12; Honor Society 11.12; Powder Puff 10.12; Quest Club 11.12; Rom Borden — Chess Club 10; Cross Country 9; Spanish Club 10; Yearbook 91.0.11; Speech Club 10; Drama 10. Lori Bowling.

Mark A. Brewer — Chess Club 11. Bill Brice — Football 10,11,12. Debra A. Brown — German Club 10; Pep Club 9; Swimming 9,10. Douglas Brown — Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Football 9,10. Lis Budner — French Club 10.11.12: National Jr. Honor Society 9; Forn pons 9; Powder puff 10.11.12: Spanish Club 12. Kelly J. Burke — Basketball 9; Cheerleading 9.10.11.12: Chess Club Officer 9; Homecoming Court Basketball 10.11; Homecoming Court floatheball 10.11; Homecoming Court floatheball 10.12; Prom Court 11: 11.2: Spanish Club 12. Michael Burns — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Brlan Burton — Basketball 10.11

Russ Cain — Honor Society 10; Track 9,10; Wrestling 10,11. Guiseppina Cammarata - Choir 9,10,11,12; French Club 10,11; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Vocalteens 11,12 Patty Canchola — Basketball 10; Pep Club 9; Powder puff 10; Volleyball 9, Marissa Cardoza.

Christine Carlson — Vocalteens 9,10,11,12; FEA 10,11, offlicer 12: FHA 12; Powder puff 12; Quest Club 12; Student Council 9, Ryan Chandler — Baseball 9; Football 12, Jon A. Chapman, Heather Lee Charlesworth — Basketball 9,10,11,12; Choir 9; Powder puff 12; Quest Club 11; Student Council officer 9; Sunshine Society 11; Yearbook staff 9; SADD 12.

Greg Chidsey — Golf 9,10,11,12; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9,10. Stephanie Chirby — Powder puff 11,12. Jae C. Choi. Martha Christos — Choir 9; French Club 10,11; Powder puff 10; Quest Club 12.

Richard D. Clemons — Quest Club officer 12. Brent Cocke. Charles S. Collins — Baseball 9.10; Choir 9; Football 9; Swimming 10; Track 9. Kim Collins.





Mark Collins — Chess Club officer 9, officer 10,11.12: Earth Science Club 9, Golf 10.11: Student Council officer 9, Nancy Connors — Basketball Manager 9: Choir 9, French Club 11; Powder puff 11.12: Karin L. Cook — Basketball 9,10,11.12: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Pom pons 9; Softball 9, Volleyabl 9, 10,11,12: Lori A. Cook — Golf 10,11,12: Orchestra 9,10,11, Powder puff 10,11; Prom Court 11; Spanish Club 10,11; Student Council 12: Class Officer 12.

Lisa Cooper. Amy Cope. Carolyn Coredig — Choir 9; FHA officer 11. Frank Coto — Football 9,10.

Jim Cox — A.V. Club 10,11; Band 9,10,11.
Bridget R. Craig, Teresa Crim — Chois 9; Quest 0,10,11,12; FHA 11,12; Pep Club 9; Quest Club 12; Review 12; HERO 12. Geraid E. Croarkin — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Football 9,12; Track 9.

John Edward Croarkin — Baseball 9,10,11,12: Baskeball 9,10,11,12: Roskeball 9,10,11,12: Wrestling 10,11,12: Nob. J. Cullinan. James Cunningham. Shawn Lynn Cunningham — Choir 9, Fall Play 12; Football Manager 11,12; Powder puff 10,12; Spanish Club 10,11,12; Student Council 12: Sunshine Society 10; Track 11; Wrestling Statistician 11,12; Yearbook 12; East Side Club 11; Pep Club 12; Pep Club 11; Pep Club 11; Pep Club 11; Pep Club 11; Pep Club 12; Pep Club 11; Pep Club 11;

Sharon A. Daniel — Choir 9: French Club 10.12: Honor Society 11.12: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Pep Club 10.11.12: Powder puff 10: Student Council 10.11: Track 10. Angela Davis — Choir 9: Newspaper 9: Powder puff 10. Rich Day — Baseball 9; 10.11.12: Basketball 9: Football 9,10.11. Donaid B. Deel II — Football 9,10.7 Track 10,11.12:

Karen Marie Depta — French Club 11.12; Honor Society 11.12; National Ir. Honor Society 50; Orchestra 9.10.11; Powder puff 10.11; Football manager 10. James R. Dimitri — Honor Society 11, officer 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9, Spanish Club 10; Student Council 10.12; Track 91.0.11.12; Tranja Debrijevic — French Club 10.11.12; Newspaper Council 9; Tennis 10.11.12; Ski Club 11.22 Council 9; Tennis 10.11.12; Ski Club 11.22 Scott I. Doege

George Doherty — Band 9,10,11,12; Football 9. Tony Doreski — Football 9; Soccer 10,11,12; Track 9. Keith Dowdy — Basketball 9,10; Golf 10,11,12. Cathy Ann Dufresne — Cheerleading 9; Honor Society 11,12; Powder puff 10.

Kathleen Dulla, Robert Dunn — A.V. Club 9. Mark Dustman — Band 9,10 11,12; Orchestra 11,12; Jets Club 12. Wendy Eaton — Basketball 9; Cheerleading 10; Choir 9,10; Pep Club 9; Pom pons 9,11,12; Track 9,10,11,12.

Dana Eby — Orchestra 9,10,11,12. Joseph Lee Eck. Rich G. Emery. Ronald David Emery.

Cathieen Elizabeth Erdelac — Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Pep Club 9, Spanish Club 10,11; Swimming 9,10,11,12. John Erdelac — Football 9. David A. Erdelles. Frank Erfurth — Fall Play 12; Spanish Club 12; Student Council 12; Track 10,11,12.





Matt Gilfillan — Band 9; Chess Club 10; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Newspaper 9, Phillip Gill — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Spirit Club 11, 12; Fred Glatz — Baseball 9; Football 9; Quest Club 12; Swimming 10, 11, 12.

Linda Gogola — Band 9.10,11,12; Basketball 10; Powder puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 9, 10; East Side Club 11; Ski Club 11,12. John Gondell. Ann Gordon — Creative Arts 10; Quest Club officer 12.

Christopher S. Green — Baseball 9, 10, 12; Honor Society 10, 11, Evangelia A. Grigoria, Jill Groff — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 9; 14, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Newspaper 9, Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9, Sunshine Society 12; Yearbook 9; Pep Band 10, 11, 12.

Kimberly Christine Grynovich — Track 9. Christins Guardiola — Powder puff 11. Sherry Guernsey — Cheerleading 9, 10: Choir 9: Cross Country 11: Powder puff 10: Quest Club 12: Quili & Scroll officer 12: Student Comeil 9: Track 9, 10. 11. Captain, 12: Year-book 11, editor 12: Basketball 9. Ralph Guerrero— Band 9, 10, 11, 12: Orchestra 9, 10. 11, 12: Swimming 10, 11: Track 10: All-State Band 10, 11, 12: Drum major 11, 12:

Christina Hack, Josette Hackleman — Choir 11, 12; Pep Club 9; Quest Club 12, Sandra L. Hamilton — Choir 9; Pom pons 9, 11, 12; Powder puff 10, 11, 12; Quest Club 12. Steve Harms — Track 10.





Field trips provide students with a needed

BREAK

from class, now and then

When school gets hectic, students find it's nice to get a break from classes and go on field trips.

"I like going on field trips because I sometimes need a day off," said Steve Haller, junior.

However, going on a field trip is not always as easy as it seems. Many organized groups have a fund raiser to raise enough money to go.

Cindi Brown, junior, stated, The cheese and sausage sales allow the band and orchestra to go to Ohio for the weekend

For other students field trips are an important part of their

During school, the Vocal teens and Velveteens go to different places to perform fo We get graded when we perform," commented Amy Erdelles, junior.

On the other hand, some classes go on field trips not to benefit themselves, but to help

Martha Christos, senior, stated, "Quest Class went to a nursing home on Halloween and carved pumpkins. We helped them make ornaments

Whether it's just for a break from school, a requirement fur class or to help the less fortunate field trips are enjoyed by

by HEATHER KIRK

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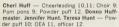


Tracy Hatala — Softball 10; Volleyball 10. Shannon Hawkins — Pep Club 9; Quest Club 12. Andrew Hebert. Scott Henderson.

Alice Marie Herrera — Choir 9, Powder puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 12. Melissa M, Hicks — Choir 9; French Club 10, 11, 12; Honor Socity 11, 12; National 17, Honor Society 9; Powder puff 10; Volleyball 9; Basketball 9; Jamel Hidlige — Basketball 9, 10, Powder 9, Jamel Hidlige — Basketball 9, 10, Powder 9, Jamel Hidlige — Basketball 9, 10, Powder Basketball 9, Jamel Hidlige — Basketball 9, 10, Powder Basketball 9, Jamel Hidlige — Basketball 9, 10, Powder Basketball 10, 11, 12; Student Council 11; Track 9, Volleyball 11, 12; Student Council 11; Track 9, Volleyball 0, 11, 12

Thomas Hirchak — Baseball 9: Football 9; Spanish Club 10.11: Student Council 9: Tenis 9. Erina Hornak — Honor Society 11.12: Powder puff 12: Tennis 9.10. Ron Horton. Nicole Patrice Hrabrich — Quest Club officer 12.

Kelly J. Huddleston — Choir 9,10,11. Sue Huddleston — Choir 10,11,12; Review 10; Velveteens 11; Vocalteens 12. Jeff Hudock. Tim Hudson.



Valerie Ann Huston — Creative Arts 12; Fall Play 10,11,12; FHA 11,12; Pep Club 9; Quest Club 11,12; Review 11,12; Spring Play 10,11,12. Todd James Hutson. Tim Huycke. Rich Hyndman — Football 9,10,11,12.

Nick Illevski — Soccer 11,12; Builder's Club 9. Matt B. Isolampi — A.V. Club 10; Choir 9; Earth Science Club 11. Debbie Ison — Basketball 9; Earth Science Club 9; FHA 10,11, officer, 12; Pep Club 9; Powder puff 12; Softball 9; Track 9,10; Volleyball 9. Etzle Ison.





Raymond L. Ison — Baseball 9,10: Basketball 9,10; Earth Science Club 9,10: Summing 9,10; Volleyball 9,10. Sandy L. Jackson — Basketball 9; Powder put 11,12: Pep Club 12. James A. Jaeger — Band 9; Basketball Manger 9; Bulding Trades 12: Football Manger 9; Radosiav Jaksic — Football 10,12; Soccer 11,12

Kathleen Marie Jennings — Choir 9; Pompons 9; Powde puff 10,12; Quill & Scroll 12; Swimming 11; Yearbook 11,12; Carl Jimenez — A.V. Cub 10,11,12; Craetive Arts 10; Fall Play 10,12; Newspaper 11,12; Review 10,11,12; Spanis Club 11,12; Spring Play 11; Student Council 9,10,11, officer, 12; Yearbook 11,12; Hugh O'Brien Award 10; SADD 9,10,11; Drama Club 10,11,12; Class President 10,11, Cathy Deanne Johnson — Pompons 9,10,12; Powder puff 10,11,12. Michael Johnson.

Diane Lynn Jolewski — Basketball 9,10: French Club I.0.1, officer 12: Newspaper 11,12: Pom pons 9: Quill & Scroll 11,12: Softball 9,10: Volleyball 9,10.11.12: Dawayne Jones. Richele Jones. Julie Joseforsky — Basketball 9,10.11,12: French Club 10,11. officer 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Newspaper 9: Softball 9,10.11,12: Student Council 9: Volleyball 10,11,12: Yearbook 9: East Side Club 11.

Tammy Joyce — Choir 9. James Kacerski. Pete Kachur — Golf 10; Football 9; Baseball 9; Baseball 9. Mary Kalogeras — Choir 9; French Club 10,11,12; Pom pons 9; Powder puff 10,12; Volleyball 9.

Brian Kaluf — Track 10.12. Christopher Karson — Fall Play 12: Track 9; Wrestling 9,10. Jeffrey W. Kennedy — German Club 1.0; officer 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9; Ortestra 9; U.J. Honors Program West Germany 11. Chin Kim — Swimming 10,11,12; Track 9,10.

Mike Klevickas — Band 9,10,11,12; Football 10,11,12; Spanish Club 10; Track 10; Wresting 9. Scott J. Koczur — Building Trades 11,12. Karen Jean Komechak — Basketball 9; Pep Club 9,10,11,12; Track 9,12; Volleyball 9,10. Brian Kosac — Football 9.

Ned Kostur — Soccer 10.11.12; Swimming 10. Anne Kovacik — FHA 11. Mike Kowal — Swimming 9. Mallorl Kozak — Orchestra 9,10.11.12; Quest Club officer 12; Swimming 10,11.12.

John Kratkoczki. Kathy Krawczyk — Band 9; Choir 9,10,11. David Kray — Boys Golf 9,10,12; Swimming 10. John Kubiak.

Toni Kumstar — Newspaper 9; Powder puff 10; Quest Club 10; Student Council 9; Yearbook 9: Chris Thomas Kurtis — Jazz Band 9; Chess Club 9; Choir 9; Football 9; German Club 11, 12; National 1; Honor Society 9; Pep Club officer 12; Review 12; Soccer 11,12; Basketball Mascot 11; East Side Club 11. Brad LaGoss. Sharon Labash — Honor Society 1,1,12.

Lara Lagerstrom. Helen Lallos — Cheerleading 9.10.11: French Club 1.0.12: Powder puff 10.12: Quest Club 12. Jill Lamfalusi — Choir 9: Homecoming Queen 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Pom pons 9.10.11.12: Spanish Club officer 10.11; Student Council 9.10.11.12: Track 9.10. Dala LaMore.





Douglas Arthur Langbehn Jr. Tracki 10,11,12. Laura do LeCounte Choir 9,10,11,12; Creative Arts 10,11, officer 12: Builders Club 9; Drama Club 10, Sherry Lou Lemon — Cheerleading 9; Football Homecoming Court 12; Powder put 10,11,12; Gorla Lenon — Choir 9; Creative Arts 12; Powder putf 12.

Tammy Jo Lesko — Choir 9,10; Powder puff 10. Michael Lester — Baseball 9,10.11,12; Fall Play 10; Football 9; German Club 10.11; Quest Club officer 12; Swimming 9,10.11,12; Tennis 11,12; Tamara Levinson — French Club 10,11,12; Honor Society 9,10; Orchestra 9,10.11,12; Student Council officer 9; Tennis 10,11,12; Student Council officer 9; Tennis 10,111; Tenck 11,12; T

Gregory W. Lohse — Track 11. William G. Lorentz — Fall Play 10; Football 91.0.11.1.2; German Club 1.0.11.1.0ficer 12; Honor Society 1.1.2; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Review 10.11.12; Spring Play 11.1.2; Student Council 11.12; Theysins 10.11.1.2 Barbara A. Lozanovski — Newspaper 9; Powder puff 10; Spanish 10.11.2; Theysins 10.11.12; Spessball Manager 10.00 bbt 12; Charlook 95 Baseball Manager 10.00 bbt 12; Club 10.11.12; Powder puff 10; Quest Club officer, 12; Student Council 9

Kathi Lynch — Choir 9, 10: French Club 11: Pom pons 10,12. Mike Mackey — Footbal 10,11,12: Prom Court 11. David Maddack — Band 9,10,11,12: Fall Play 11: French Club 10: Basketball Homecoming Court 10: Studies of Course 11,12: Fall Play 11: French Club 10: Basketball Homecoming Court 10: Studies of State Decarbing 11,12: Jazz Band 9,10,11,12: East Side Club 11: Hoosier Boys State Delegate 11: Pep Band 10,11,12: Pep Club 12: Suzy Maddack — Choir 9,10: Fall Play 10: Spanish Club 10: Spring Play 12: Baseball Scorekeeper 11,12: Drama Club 10,11.

Jayne E. Maginot — Basketball 9,10; Pep. Cubb 12; Powder puff 10,11,12; Quest Club officer 12; Spanish Club, Officer 11; Style officer 12; Spanish Club, Officer 13; Style officer 12; Spanish Club, 10,12; Tennis, 10,12; Tennis, 10,12; Tennis, 10,12; Tennis, 10,12; Tennis, 10,12; Tennis, 10,13; Tennis, 10,1

Students rush to buy the latest

TECHNOLOGY

in music: the compact disc

Compact disc. The newest arrival in modern technology. The compact disc is a new system that plays a better quality of sound.

Greg Hoogheen of Hegwisch Records said. "The cause for the better sound is that compact discs are played by lasers. Records have needles scratching against the surface, while the discs have no friction what soever, due to the lasers."

When looking at the difference between records and discs, the wide price range stands out. The compact disc almost doubles the price of a

Jil Manoski, junior, said,

a better sound that doesn't wear easily."

Evette Santiago, junior, said, "It feels like you are at a concert." She added, "I think the music on the discs are real pre-

Furthermore, Chin Kim, senior, said, "The cost is reasonable, and the sound is better. In about five years, the records will either become extinct or antiques"

With the better sounds and laser equipment, what will they

by LORI TUBBS

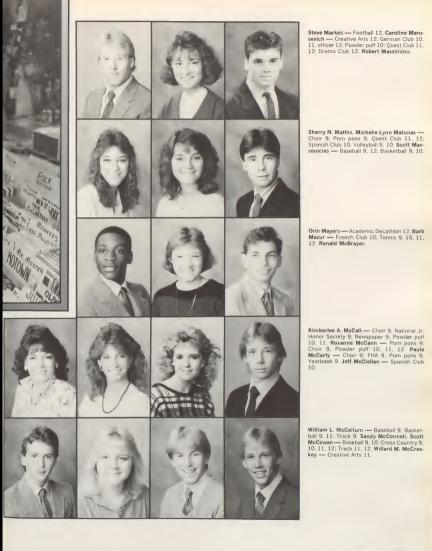
The craze hits. Joe Nash, senior, de cides on which disc to add to his collection. A compact disc is more expensive than a tape or record, but most people



Mark Malenshek. Darrell Mallory. Michael S. Mallory — Basketball 9; German Club 10, 11, officer 12; Honor Society 11, 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council 11. Jovo Manojlovic — Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 11, 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spocer 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, JETS Club 12.

Ann Marie Marando — Powder puff 10; Quest Club 12; Swimming 11, 12: Paul Marcinek — Building Trades. Carol Marino. Jim Markos — Football 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12





Colleen Marie McDermott — FEA 10.11, officer 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Orchestra 9: Powder puff 11,12: Quest Club 12: Thespians 11,12: Kelly McDonald — Pep Club 9: Powder puff 10. Eric M. McHugh — A.V. Club 11,12: Bryan E. McKay — Choir 9: Newspaper 11,12:

Patrick McLaughlin — Football 11,12. DeeAnna McPherson — Gymnastics 9,10; Newspaper 11,12; Diving 10. Bruce Megquler. Leah Mehay — Cheerleading 11; Choir 9; Fall Play 10; French Club 10; Newspaper 12; Pom pons 9; Powder puff 10.

Julie Metcalf — Yearbook Staff 11.12. Shelley Metros. — Choir 9: Honor Society 11.12; Pom pons 9; Powder puff 11.12; Quest Club 12: Spanish Club 10; Volleyball 9,10. Grozdans Micle — French Club 10,11, officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Tennis 10,11.12; Volleyball 10. Dianna Miedl.

Ron G. Mikkesell — Fall Play 11,12; Review 12; Spanish Club 11,12; Sparish Play 12; Thespians 12; SADD 11,12; Darryl Milbrandt, Jerry Miller — German Club 10,11,12; Honor Society 11, officer 12; National 1-: Honor Society 9; Student Council 11: Academic Decathion 11,12; Jets Club 12; Wendy J. Minninger — Band 9,10; Flag Corps 10; Pom pons 9; Powder puff 10,11,12.

Diane Mishevski — Pom pons 9: Quest Club officer 12. Renee Kathleen Mishler — Cheer-leading 9.10; Gymnastics 9.10.11.12; Football Homecoming Court 12: Orchestra 9.10.11.12; Powder puff 10.11.12; Spanish Club 10.11; Track 9.10. Dave Moore. Jeffrey A. Morris — Band 9; Football 10.11.12; Graman Club 10.11.12; Track 10.11.12; Jets Club 12.





Tony Muffoletto - Jets Club 12. Steve Mundell — Football 9,10,11,12; Student Council 9; Wrestling 9. Dawn Musgrove — Basketball 9: Wheesting 9. Davin Musgrove — Basketbail 9: Cheerleading 9.10.11.12: Powder puff 10.11.12; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 10.11 12; Track 9.10. Joseph William Nash — Stu-dent Council 10, officer 11; Swimming 9.10.11, captain 12; Tennis 10.11, captain 12; Hoosier Boys State Representative 11.

Lisa Ann Navarro - Cheerleading 11; Choir 9,10,11; Gymnastics 9; Basketball Homecoming Court 11; Powder puff 10; Prom Court 11; Softball 11; Track 10; Volleyball 10,11; Vocalteens 11. Jason Neff — Band 9.10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12. Steve Nelson — Baseball 9,12; Basketball 9,10; Football 9, Wendy Nelson — Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Powder puff 11,12; Spanish Club 10; Pep Club

Jon Nicholls — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 11; Yearbook 9,12. Paul Nims. Mary Ann Nonos — Choir 9; Powder puff 12. Daniel Nunez — Football

ciety 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Orclety 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Urchestra 9. Jason Oglego — Football 9,10,11,12. Jennifer Oglego — Gymnastics 9,10,11; Track 10,12; Volleyball 10,11,12.

Joel Ogiego - Football 9,10,11,12. Joseph Olivadoti — A.V. Club 9; Band 9,10,11,12; Baseball 12; Earth Science Club officer 9; Football 9; Golf 12; Orchestra 9.10; Pep Club 9,10,11,12; Track 12; Bookstore 9; Builders Club 9. Brian Oliver — Football 9,10. Cindy

Cheryl Orosz. Jeff Orten, Michelle Owen — Choir 9: French Club 10.11: Pom pons 9; Quest Club 12: East Side Club 12: Christopher Charles Paine — A.V. Club 12: Chess Club 10.11: Creative Arts 10.11. officer 12; Fall Play 12: FEA 11, officer 12; Review 11.12; Spring Play 11.12.

Dina Papafilis. Nick Papageorge — Wrestling 10,11,12; Basketball 9. Joyce Papalazarou — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder Puff Football 11,12; Spanish Club 10,11,12; National Spanish Honor Society officer 12. Mercury Pappas — Prom King 11.

Jeff Parker, Laura Lynn Parkhurst — Basketball 9: Cheerleading 10.11; Earth Science Club 12: Homecoming Court (Basketali) 10. Princess 11: Pep Club 9: Powder Puff 10.12. Prom Court 11: Quest Club 12: Spanish Club 9.12. Kristin Parsons — Band 9.10.1.11.2. Jole Paska — Baseball 9.12: Basketball 9.10.11.12: Choir 9: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Spanish Club 10.11.12: Student Council 9.11, officer 12: East Side Club 11: National Spanish Honor Society 12:

Lori Pearson — Quest Club 12. Kevin Pederson — Choir 9. Mike Perdicologos — Soccer 11. Juanita M. Perez — Orchestra 9,10; Pep Club 9.

Kelly Peters — Basketball 9: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Spanish Club 10: Track 9. Casey Peterson. Jeff Plaseczny — Baseball 9.12: Football 9. Dan Pimentel — Baseball 9; Football 9; Spanish Club 10.11; Student Council 9.





Susan Pittman - Spanish Club 12: COE 12: OEA 12: East Side Club 11. Reagan Plesha -Basketball 9,10,11; Cheerleading 9,10; Choir Basketball 9,10,11; Cheerleading 9,10; Choir 9; Cross Country 11,12; Football Homecoming Court 12; Honor Society 11,12; Powder puff 10,11,12; Quill & Scroll 12; Track 9,10,11,12; Yearbook 12; Hoosier Girls State Delegate 11: Spanish Honor Society officer
12. Shalimar Plomaritis — Orchestra 9.10.11.12; OEA 12; COE 12. Micheal L.

Kathy Podgorski. David Poholarz - French Club 9.10.11.12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council 9. Dawn Michelle Porter
— Cheerleading 10,11,12; Orchestra
9,10,11,12; Pom pons 9; Powder puff 10,12; Spanish Club 10. John P. Porzuczek — Baseball 9,10,11,12; Basketball 10; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish

John Poynter - Band 9; Football 9,10; Track 10. Riste Prentoski. Deborah L. Prokop — Choir 9; Pep Club 9; Powder puff 10. Steve

Nicholas Radivan. Richard Rainey. Denise Ramirez — FHA 10,11; HERO officer 12. Michael Paul Ramos — Band 9,10,11,12; Fall Play 12; Review 11,12; Spring Play 12; Thes-

Rebecca Leigh Ramos — Powder puff 11: Yearbook 12; Drama Club 10. Barbara A. Rassbach - Choir 9; Powder puff 10; Quest Club 12; Student Council 10. Scott Reder. Tara E. Reilly - Basketball 9; FHA officer 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Yearbook 9.

Penny Louise Riley. Alicia Rios — Band 9, 10, 11, 12: Basketball 9; Pompons 11. Felipe Rivera Jr. — Basketball 9; Cross Country 9; Track 9, 10, Amy Roberts — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club. 11, 12; Ghensatics 9, 10, 11, 12; Honor Society 11, 12; Naitonal Jr. Honor Society 9; Or-chestra 9; Track 9, 10, 12.



Night or day **Beach**activities plentiful, fun

The alarm goes off and the radio comes on announcing the temperature at the beach in the second seco

This is a sure sign that the beaches will be filled by noon. On these bright summer mornings. MHS students wake up early to head for the beaches.

Dawn Musgrove, senior, said, "I wake up at 7 30 to make sure I get an early start to catch the summer rays,"

Instead of the catching the summer rays, some MHS students to to the beach for other enterments.

It's worth getting up early to clerk out the guys in their thin suits, as long as they're the Species and Sandy harmager senior

Chris Zimmerman, sopho more, and "I enloy going to the track to took at all the timbooks."

Still others prefered the beach life at night With noth-

MHS students depended or the beach for excitement.

scott Henderson, senior, said, "I enjoy going at night beeause it's less risky to get caught partying than in the day."

When MHS couples needed somewhere quiet and romantic the beach was the place to go

Mike Naspinski, junior, said, 'The beach at night is a nice place to take a girl because the atmosphere is really roman-

The beach had its summer mornings and late evening qualities according to some MHS students. Either way, the bach was place for relaxation fun and a place to see your friends!

THY MICHELLE SPOSATO

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Christine M. Roberts — Band 9; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Pep Club 9; Powder puff 10; COE 12. Lori Rodgers — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 10, officer 11. Samuel Rodriguez. Theresa D. Rose — Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Club 9; Powder puff 12.

Michael John Rotheker — Fall Play 11, 12; German Club 10; Review 12; Spring Play 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; John Salapski — Choir 9; Earth Science Club 9; National Jr. Honor Society 9. Mike Sallwonzyk. Terry Ray Salyer — Chess Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Earth Science Club 9; Honor Society 11, 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, 10; JETS Club 12.

Chris Samson — Baseball 10, 11; National Jr. Honor Society 9. John W. Sandridge — Baseball 9; Wrestling 9, 10. Bill Satnan — Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 10.

Lynda Schmidt. Mike Schmidt — Baseball 9; Football 9; Ski Club 11. Lon C. Schreiber Jr. — Band 9, 10; Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11; JETS Club officer.

Gerald Schultz — Creative Arts 11, officer 12; Fall Play 11; FEA 11, officer 12; Spanish Club 11; East Side Club 11; Drama Club 11. Craig Schultze. Rhonda Schuster — Choir 9; Powder puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10.

Keith R. Schwandt — Basketball 9; Football 9,10, Jimmy 0, Scott Jr. Jon Scott. Jeri Elizabeth Scrivnor — Choir 9; Pom pons 9; Quest Club 12; Spanish Club 11,12.

Rocky D. Sebastian — Football 9; Homecoming Court Basketball 11; Class President 12; Karen Ras Seberger — Newspaper 12; Quilà & Scroll 12; Spanish Club 11,12; Yearbook 12; OEA 11,12; Spanish Honor Society 12; East Side Club 11. Daniel Sell — Football 9,10,12; Ward M. Setmayer — Golf 9,10,11,12; Spanish Club 10; Basketball 9.

Michael Sever — Football 9,10,12. Becky Shaffer — FHA 12 Diana Sheehy. Sherri Sheptock — Choir 9,10,11; Powder puff 12; Review 10,11,12: Swimming 11; Thespians 10,11,12; Soccer Manager 12.

Jodie Sheridan — Quest Club 12; Spanish Club officer 10,11; Jerry SibIncic. Anthony Simone. Peco John Simonovski — Football 9,11.

Colleen Marie Sinar — Powder puff 10. Kathleen Marie Sinar — German Club 10; Yearbook 11.12. Kathy Jo Slinker — Choir 9.10,11,12: Pep Club 9; Review 12; Spring Play 12; Thespians 11,12. Sandra Smith — Choir 9.





Shawn Smith — Cross Country 9; Swimming 10,11. Troy Smith. Christina Sobierajski — Choir 9; Pom pons 9,10,11,12. Suzie Sopovski.

Timothy Sowles — Honor Society 9; Soccer 10.11.12; Track 9. Chris Specker. Constantine Spiridis — Band 9.10; Baseball 9; Chress Club 9.11.12; Football 9.10.11.12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Spanish Club 10, Lee Kathleen Spiroff — Choir 9.10.11.12; Pom pons 9.10.11.12; Vocalteens 12.

Michelle Sposato — Basketball 9; Pom pons 9; Powder puff 10,11,12; Volleyball 9; Yearbook 12. Corey Springma — Basketball Statistician 11; Basketball 9; German Club 9,10,11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, William H. Spurlock — Choir 9; Football 10,11,12 Diana Stanton.

Lisa Starko. Lisa Cherl Stedman — Pom pons 9,10,11,12: Drama Club 10. Lisa Steele — Powder puff 12. Laura Marie Stefanelli — Basketball 10: Cross Country 9; Earth Science Club 9; Powder puff 10,11,12; Softball 12; Track 9.

Melissa A. Stefanovich — Fall Play 10,11; Honor Society 11.12; National Jr. Honor Society Honor Society 11.12; National Jr. Honor Society Spanish Club 10.11, officer 12; Spring Play 11,12; Student Council 10,11; Thespians 10,11, officer 12; Scott Stelow. Jelena Stefanovich — Creative Arts 10,11,12; German Club 10,11,12; Pep Club 10; Quest Club 11,12; Sunshine Society 11,12; Kelly L. Stener — Creative Arts 9; Pom pons 9,10,11,12; Spanish Club 10; Student Council 11,12. Jill Irene Stoner — Choir 9, Cross Country 11; Fall Play 10, German Club 10.11, officer 12; Honor Society 12; Academic Decathlon 12; Hoosier Giris State 11, Brlan J. Storey — Football 10.11, co-captain 12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, Wrestling 9, 10. Maria Stroglios — Powder puff 11,12. Timothy Stryczek — Football 9; Track 11,12.

Stacy Stubblefield — Powder puff 11: Quest Club 12: Drama Club 10: Sherf Sullivan — Cheerleading 10: Student Council 9: Track 9; SADD 10.11, officer 12: Anna Talevski — French Club 10.11.12: Homecoming Court Basketball 10, Honor Society officer 12: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Newspaper 9; Powder puff 10.11.12: Student Council 9.10.11.12; Varabook 9: Sandi Tarchala.

Russell Tarkany. Christina Ann Taskoff — Choir 9; Honor Society 11,12; National Jr. Honor Society 9; Pom pons 9,10,11,12; Spanish Club 10,11; Student Council 11; Spanish Honor Society officer 12; Class Officer 10. Matt Teitge. Craig Terry.

Jennifer Terry — Choir 9, Powder puff 12, Spanish Club 10, Mellssa Tesanovlch — Basketball 9, Choir 9, Newspaper 11,12; Powder puff 10,111,2 (Quill & Scroll 11, officer 12, Softball 10,11; Volleyball 9, Gregory S. Thompson — Basketball 9, Track 9, Wrestling 10,11. Vera Todorovlch — Choir 9, French Club 10,111,2; Honor Society 11,12; Pom pons 9,10, captain 11,12; Student Council 12; Class Officer 11, East Side Club 11.

Daniel Tomich. Stephen Tomko. Kimberly Tonetskl — National Jr. Honor Society 9; Powder puff 10. Mike Topolskl.





Sonja Trajkovski — Cross Country 11.12; German Club 9,10.11.12; Honor Society 9, Orches 11.12; National Jr. Honor Society 9, Orches tra 9,10.11.12; Powder puff 10, Track 11.12. Angela Trkuju. Connie Tsatsakias. Anna-Marie Turpa — Pom pons 9.10.11.12; Spanish Club 10.

Sandra Urbanczyk. Joe Valenti — Football 9. Evert S. Vander Viiet. David Vavra — A.V. Club 9; Band 9.10,11,12; Earth Science Club officer 9; Newspaper 9; Orchestra 9,10,11,12; Bookstore 9; Builders Club 9.

David Vaxquez — Band 9: National Jr. Honor Society 9: Grobestra 9: Tory Velovski — Creative Arts 10.11. officer 12: Fall Play 12: German Club 10.11. officer 12: Fall Play 12: German Club 10.11. officer 12: Honor Society 9: Review 11.12: Spring Play 11.12: Student Council 11.12: Thespiran 12: Academic Decathon Team 12: Thespiran 12: Academic Decathon Team 12: The Spring Play 11.12: Student Decathon Team 12: The Spring Play 11: Student 12: The Spring Play 11: Student 12: The Spring Play 11: Student 12: The Spring Play 11: The Spring Play 11:

Mark Alan Vincent — Basketball 9,10,12; Football 12; Spanish Club officer 11. Tammy H. Wachowski — Choir 9. Rachelle Wagner. Thomas Wainman — Football 11.

Amy Lynn Walters — Band 11.1.2: Forn pond 9; Spanish Club 10. Christopher Ward Ohess Club 9; Gorl 12. William L. Warren — Baseball 10.1 Basketball 9; Football 9,10.1.2. John Wilczynski — Baseball 10.11; Basket ball 9.10.11; Basket ball 9.10.11; Football 10; Honor Society 11.1.2: National Jr. Honor Society 9; Student Council 9.

Dave Wilk Baseball 9, Golf 11; Skr Glub 11.
Elaine Wilk — Powder Puff 10.11; Spanish
Club 91.0 Stephen F. Wilk — Baseball 10.11;
Football 9,10. William Wilkison — Band
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Chris Williams. Kimberly Ann Williams Choir 9,11,12; Fall Play 12, Pep Club 9; Review 11,12; Swimming 9,10,11; Thespians 12; Vocalteens. Louis Gene Wilson. David Witt Choir 9, Wrestling 10.

Terry 5. Wood — Football 10; Soccer 9,10,11,12. Bob Woodburn Band 9, French Club 11; Honor Society 11,12, National Jr. Honor Society 9, Thespians 12, Wresting 9,10,11. Lanette Denise Wothke Ouest Club officer 12.

Kathleen Jo Wszolek — Basketball 9; Choir 9; FHA officer 12, Newspaper 9, Powder Puff 10. Lori Wszolek Jodf Yagelski — Newspaper 9; Powder Puff 10; Spanish Club 10,11 öfficer; Student Council 10,11.

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Pamela Marie Young - FHA 11.12: Pom pons 9; Student Council 9. Anne Jung Yu. Nick L. Zairls — Band 9.10.11.12: Soccer 10.11. Michelle Zakutansky - Newspaper 9; Track 9.









Julie Anne Zaradich - Choir 9,10,11,12 Pep Club 9; Pom pons 9; Powder Puff 10: Spanish Club 10,11. Student Council 9. Drama Club 10; Velveteens 11.12 officer, Bill L. Zart — Band 9.10,11,12; French Club 12; German Club 12; Orchestra 9,10,11; Spanish Club 12. Paul Zawada --- A.V. Club 10,11,12; Fall Play 12; French Club 10,11; Newspaper 10,11,12; Pep Club 11,12; Quill & Scroll 11,12; Review 11,12; Spring Play 11,12; Thespians 12; Yearbook 9,10,11,12; Jets Club 12. Nomiki Zembillas — FEA 12; Honor Society 11.12; Spanish Club 11, officer 12: Student Council 12; Girls State Delegate 11; OEA 11,12; National Spanish Honor Society

Accidents claim two lives

Gary Kostelnik, 17, was killed on June 28 in a car accident. He was driving home when he suffered heart failure and apparently lost control of the car, hitting a tree on Randolph Street. The accident occurred at 1:45 a.m.

Gary would have graduated with the Class of 87. During his sophomore and junior years, he was involved in Spanish Club.

He is survived by Gary Kostelnik, father; Bonnie Kostelnik, mother, and Michelle Kostelnick, sister and '82 MHS graduate.

A friend of Gary's, Mark

Dawn Marie Klootwyk, sis-

Vincent, junior, commented. "Gary was a good friend. and I am sure he will be missed by everyone.'







Anne Abevta Kathy Kvachkoff Tim Beird Steven Lesher Kelly Jo Blankinship Donna Mamula - Choir 9 Glynn Bricker Cynthia Carlotta Zakline Martinoski Tammy L. Carlotta - Newspa-Thomas McEllis per 9.10 Pep Club 9: Quest William S. Mojica Mike Murray Curtis D. Chadd Derrick Niloff - Boys Basket Paul Coppess Robert Alan Dee - Track Janet Lee Dobrolecki Frank M. Gonzales - A.V. Club 9: Spanish Club 10: Wrestling Alicia Hansel Francine Helen Kathrine Harper - Choir 9,10,11, Fall Play 10,11: FHA 11, officer 12: Deanne Harrigan Tony Hess James Holland Kellie Howard Kathleen Huish Brad Jones

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Eric Ortegon - Baseball 9. Swimming 11.12 Marco Ottomanelli Robert Polak Scott Popp Riste Prentoski Tiana Raehl Mark Reder Janet Schoon - Powder Puff James P. Sharp — Football 9: Swimming 9.10 Mark Spencer Scot Stasak John Sutkowski - Cross Matthew Thompson Maria Tsuknias David Tuckett - Swimming John Kouskousakis - Football Steve Villagran

JoAnne Waldrop

Matt Wirtz

The best thing about JUNIORS

is only having one more year of high school

When you think of the word junior, many things come to mind.

First, the word junior can be used as the name parents give to their son, such as Bill Jr.

It can also mean a place where little kids go to get their clothes before they become older.

But at MHS the word junior has a much more significant meaning than the others do.

Ted Pigott, junior, said, "Junior year is the best year of

high school because when you're a sophomore you're just getting your feet wet, and when you're a senior, you worry a lot about graduation

plans."
Tracy Wikse, junior, commented, "It means that in only one short year a student will be through with his high school life and ready to enter college and go on to what he or she wants to be."

Another junior, Larry Iglendza said, "When you're a ju-

nior, you can't wait for the year to end; because when you're a senior, you're the top dog."

In addition, Rick Farias, junior said, "Being a junior has its pros and cons. First, when you're a junior, you only have more year of school, but the bad thing is you still have one more year of school."

Junior Class Officers — Tracy Wikse, Joel Putz, Bob Ellis, Stacey Uzelac.



Kevin Abernathy Michelle Akers Ben Albright Robert Aleman Joseph Anaya Peter Anderson Greg Arceo

Dawn Arly Cathy Arneson Tony Aznar Darcie Baehler Joseph Baker Kimberly Bakker Milena Baltoska William Banham

Laytona Bankhead Monica Bardeson Radmila Baric Michael Barton Denise Batides Tony Beckett Dawn Belinsky Michael Belmonte

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Michael Bukzevski Daniel Buhring Denise Burger Cheryl Burton



Bryan Byczko Gregory Byczko Kristine Cacic Garry Cagle



Kris Callas Kathryn Cantu Jason Carlson Michelle Carlson Cara Carrabine Diane Carrara Michael Carrillo James Casey

Carl Cashman Gary Cauley Rose Mary Celorio Susan Christoff John Christos Scott Civanich Tim Clark Kathryn Clements

Brandon Collins Brian Collins Colleen Collins Deborah Colvin DeeDee Cortez Jeff Coto Douglas Couch

Jason Cozmanoff Melvin Craig Jimmy Crane Jason Crownover James Cruz Carmen Cuevas Mark Cuprinski

Eric Czarnecki Tammy Danford Susan Dankanich Vicki D'Asto Mitch Davidhizar Ruben DelValle Mark Demakas Mike Depta

Jennifer Desatnick Jeff Dian Carol Ditter John Dix Jamie Dixon Colleen Drake Becky Drennan Michelle Drinski

Michelle Dudak Angelque Dunklin Randy Dunn Donald Eaves Judi Edgerton Ronnie Eich Leslie Ellich Bob Ellis

Michael Erdelac Amy Erdelles Larry Espravnik Laura Espravnik Bradley Evans Rey Farias Ricardo Farias Terry Farmer

Richard Fiebelkorn Shannon Findley Niki Fitusis Shannon Flauding Arlen Flynn William Frantel Michael Fraticelli Kelly Freeman

Sharlene Freeman Adam Fricke Rhonda Fry Robert Garbric Alex Gagianas Christina Gagoff Debbie Galka Susan Galoozis

Michelle Gawrysiak Melisa Gayda Cindi Geeze Kelly Geib Paul Gilbert Dana Gildersleeve Michael Gill Todd Gill

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> Scott Griggs Steven Gronek Regina Gros Tom Grynovich Jerry Guardiola Chris Gustafson Tim Gutesha Shelly Guthrie

> Scott Hall Steve Haller Scott Hamilton Beth Hammond Marcus Handley Scott Hardin Lisa Harding Donald Harney





Dawn Hebert Eric Helm Brad Henderson Paul Hess Kimbra Highsmith Joseph Hirjak John Hocza Debbie Hoekstra

Jacquelyn Horwell David Hovanec Brad Howell David Hoyt Paul Huckins David Hudak John Hudock Scott Hundley

Melissa Huseman Cindy Hydinger Larry Iglendza Jimmy Ireton James Ison Jerry Janda Connie Jaundura Donald Janiszewski

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Slavica Koroskoska Kristina Kostur Kelly Kostyal Zoran Koteski Pete Koukoutsis Freda Kourtesis Jacqueline Kovacik Laurel Kowal

Eddie Kratkoczki Dale Krausnick Mike Krcoski Sheryl Krmpotich Lisa Kruppa Karen Kruzan Chris Kubacki Susan Kucik Suzanne Kuzemka Joseph Kwilasz Gus Lalios Steven Lamb Karen Larson Kurt Lash Mark Lash Jon Lea

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Michael Lohse Elizabeth Long Matt Longfellow Luis Lopez Hank Lorenz Nancy Loscaro Russell Louie Andrew Luttinen

Sherilyn Machacek Kristina Macyszak Doug Mahler David Mallory Dawn Maloney Marc Mannino Jill Manoski Mary Marks

Lisa Marovich Dawn Martin Joseph Massow Roger Matthews William McBrayer Alison McCollum Sherri McConnell Tom McCoy



Learning to accept unwanted

DISCIPLINE

When students break parents' rules

"Be home early, finish your homework, get off the phone!" For most students these

commands are heard quite often from their parents. Many students have a curfew

on Friday and Saturday nights. Some students find it more of a privilege than a rule.

"My curfew use to be 12:30 until I got into trouble, then my parents switched it to midnight. I had to earn their trust back before they switched it back to 12:30," stated Julie Shatkowski, junior.

On the other hand, some students find curfews to be no

problem.

"I don't have a curfew because my parents trust me and I don't abuse the privilege," said Jamie Richards, senior.

For other students having a curfew isn't the problem, the use of the telephone is.

"Since I live in Crown Point, it is long distance for me to call most of my friends. After three consecutive months of high phone bills, my mom took my phone out of my room," stated Missy Gayda, junior.

Nevertheless, many parents find that the most important rule of all is doing your home-

work

"My parents make me do my homework because they know I'm too lazy to do it on my own. They also want me to get good grades," said Mike Vela, sophomore.

Although many students don't appreciate their parents giving them rules, they do, however, learn to live with them.

by **HEATHER KIRK**

eslie Osoba, junior, and her mother learn to trust one another through communication. Curfews and other rules are stressed by parents for their child's safety.





Mike McGibbney Sean McHugh John McKinney Ann Mestousis Michelle Mestrovich Donna Meus Stephanie Meyer Phillip Michael

Randall Mihal Dennis Mikuly Kim Miles Jeff Miller Marty Miller Michelle Miller Steve Mills Jamie Mirelels

Nikki Modrak Eric Monyok Michelle Moskowitz Jay Mummey Tamera Murray Michelle Musser Melinda Napalowski Melissa Narkum

Mike Naspinski Susie Naumouski Lisa Nedoff James Nelson Jay Newman Melony Newman Michelle Nicksic Nancy Nims

Keith Nipper Shannon O'Brien Tony Olejnik Kathleen Oliver Leslie Osoba Michael Otano Heidi Ottomanelli John Oxley

Diane Page Richard Paige Roy Parpart Stacy Passaloukos

Linda Parzyszek Zoran Pecoski Eva Pena David Perez

Leigh Peronis Marion Perry Tamera Peters Lea Peterson

Amy Petrites Jerry Peyton Edith Phillips Tracey Phillips Wayne Picard Ted Pigott Jan Povlin Jennifer Purdie Joel Putz Jeff Pysh Łarissa Radczenko Kerri Ralph

Kimberly Ramage Brian Randall Scott Reder Scott Reiner Rae Renner Julie Riese Maxine Righi Raquel Rios

Sandra Rising Derrick Ritter Jim Robbins Tom Roberts Cathy Robinson Greg Rogers Paul Rogers Diane Rouhselang

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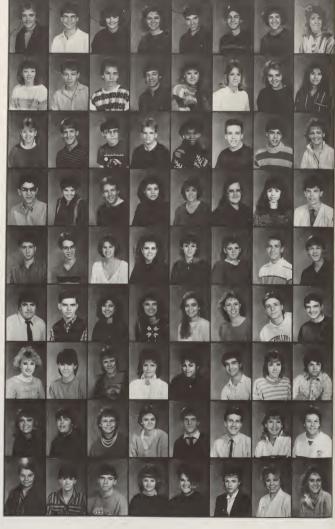
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Scott Smith Shirley Smith Wendy Smith Kevin Sneiderwine Mike Soffa Jane Sopczak Phil Sopczak

Jill Smith

Walter Spasevski John Spicer Tom Spiridis Lisa Sponel Kay Lynn Spradley Jerry Starcevic Jennifer Stevenson Rebecca Stewarts





Robert Stewart Kimberly Sturm Silvana Sulli Matthew Swike Carrie Swinford Traci Tamalunas Modesto Tamayo Andy Tants

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Russell Tobias Jennifer Toma Jodi Tomb Becky Torres Peter Tournis Kristine Trakas William Truitt Bill Trzaska

Lori Tubbs Douglas Tuckett Tyrell Underwood Suzy Utley Stacey Uzelac Holly Vance Cindy Vandermolen Rigo Vargas

Denise Vazquez Richard Velovski Jennifer Vereb Renee Vermillion Ann Marie Vernia Michael Vesich Raguel Villarreal Vincent Vitalone

Mike Vode Penny Wade Kari Wahlman William Watkins Matt Werner Robert Whitaker Tracy Wikse Tracy Wiltfong

Robert Winovich Alicia Wood Kevin Wright Aaron Yakovetz Bryan Yarchan Ed Yerga Bill Zaikos Charles Zembillas

Tom Karahalios Christine Majcher Jamie Miller Renee Putman Patrick Richards John Schneider Wendy Wells John West Lori Yurko

Leaving junior highs behind,

SOPHOMORES

adjust to year of transition

Transition. This is the word that reflects the change from junior to senior high school.

"I like MHS. I thought the hardest thing to get used to was all the people; junior high seemed much smaller and evervone knew everyone." stated Amanda Belshaw, sophomore.

"I thought I had a good freshman year at Harrison, but my sophomore year at MHS is shaping up just as well." said Frank Bova, sophomore,

"I don't miss my junior high at all. MHS has much more to offer its students," stated Chad Lorenz, sophomore.

"This is my first year in a Merrillville school because I came from Hobart. I really like MHS more because the people are so much nicer here," stated Tammy VanDusseldorf, sophomore.

"I haven't really gotten used to MHS yet, I guess the main reason is that its so much bigger than junior high, but I have two more years to get used to it," stated Dennis Hinkel, sophomore.

by SHERYL KRMPOTICH

S ophomore Class Officers - Nancy Campbell, Jeff Smith, Mike Vela, Not pictured: Melissa Best



Thomas Adams Glenn Adler William Albach Rene Aleman Noel Aporte Todd Asbridge Joe Balog

Kevin Banashak Michael Banham Suzana Barakoska Nicole Barkası Christine Barker Kenneth Barnes

Scott Bell Amanda Belshaw Tracie Bemish James Berdine Stephanie Berg Melissa Best Anthonette Biancardi Rebecca Biancardi

> Joseph Bielak Jon Bills Nicole Bittner Todd Black Susana Blanco Melissa Boger

Frank Boya Jamie Bowen Travis Bowman Steven Brandon Dean Bricker Tracie Brooks





Gregory Bruner Nikol Budzelvski Scott Bukovic Teresa Bulza

Nicole Bunda Karrin Burke Melinda Burkhart Larry Cabell

Antonino Cammarata Diana Cammarata Nancy Campbell Gina Canales

Eric Canchola James Carlson Chris Castle Jeffrey Centanni

Christine Chan Carolyn Clark Christine Cogley Peggy Cole Douglas Collie Walter Cook Marco Correa Cheryl Cozmanoff

Shane Crouse Bethany Daiss Kevin Davis Robert Deel Clinton Deible Leticia DelReal Jennifer DeMure Bridget Dervish

Maryann Dojcinovski Ronald Doyle Ronale Dubowski Joka Dukic Kimberly Dulio Matthew Dunscombe Kelly Durkin Robert Easton

Sharon Eaton Stacy Eby Anthony Eleftheri Mary Elliott David Ellis Rodney Ely Julie Emerson Tracy Ennols

Kristin Erdelac Jennifer Erfurth Kerrie Evanyo Jacqueline Fashing Alicia Fellmy Colleen Ferguson Tracy Fernandez Michael Feterick Nancy Fialkowski Terry Fischer Catherine Freeman Korri Frekot Christopher Friedlund Marco Galvan Monica Gard Amy Garrard

> Amanda Gearhart Michael Gernenz Julie Gibson Geroge Gilea Kelly Gilfillan Karen Gill Kevin Gill Brandon Glatt

> Timothy Goheen Edward Gonzalez Eric Gonzalez Matthew Good Amy Gornik Michael Gorski Rebecca Gould Michelle Graeber

Garry Grant Christopher Grantsaris Jeffrey Graystone Scotty Gonowski Anthony Guba Maureena Guernsey Stephen Guernsey Jason R. Hague

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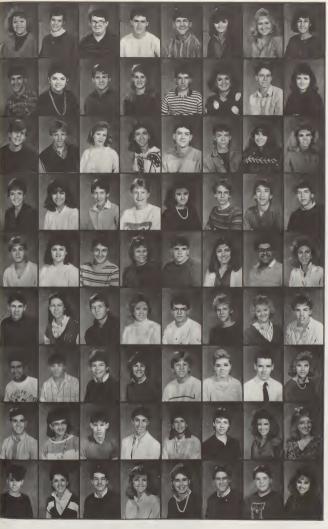
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These are common phrases heard by many MHS students.

Many students, some licensed drivers, had to take the bus each morning, even if they couldn't stand it.

'Since I live in Crown Point, the bus ride is real long, boring and noisy. There are junior high students on the bus which makes it as fun as a daycare center," said Laurie Koritko, sophomore.

"The junior high students throw spit wads at everyone and they are loud mouths, said Kim Thurman, junior.

"I live all the way out in Crown Point, so it takes so long

I missed the bus, can I use to get home," said Sue Bills, senior

> "The bus driver does not play good music," said Mike Budzevski, junior.

"The people on the bus are really loud, and my ears just can't handle it," said Sheri Sheptock, senior.

In hopes that a shiny, red car was in the future for these MHS students at the present time they had to put up with the 'yellow limo.

by CARL JIMENEZ

D ue to the fact that some students can not afford a car of their own, they are forced to ride the bus to and from school. Others refer to the bus as the "big. yellow limo.





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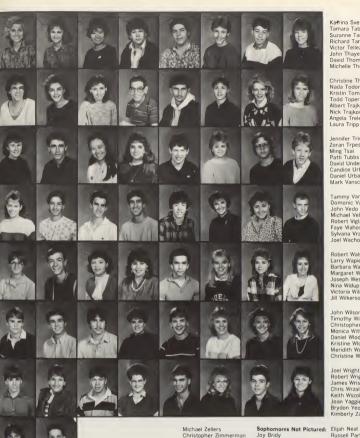
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At Open House Faculty

met parents before students got into trouble

Better sooner than later. Open House at MHS met teachers before students got in trouble or received bad grades.

Open House occurred on Sept. 10. earlier than it has been in past years. This gave parents a chance to receive insight as to the teachers' goals for the year

"Having Open House early was a very good idea. It gave me a chance to see how my daughter (Shawn) was doing early on in the year," commented Cindy Cunningham, a MHS parent.

Some of the students had negative views of the parents coming into talk to the teach-

"My parents came to Open Parents that attended the House, and that's all I've heard is how much my teacher told them I talk in class third hour," stated Anna-Marie Turpa, sen-

> Parents were also able to view many changes made at

"My parents both commented on how the hallways could have been painted a much brighter color." stated Connie Belshaw, senior.

There were many disadvantages to having Open House

"Open House could of been publicized more because the outcome wasn't all that great,' stated Margaret Stallings, home economics teacher.



Mrs. Stalling also stated, "I wish the teachers would of had more time to really sit down and talk to the parents instead of having to rush through it

all." "I didn't realize how much walking my daughter and son (Joe and Marie) had to do to

get to their classes." stated Grace Anava, a MHS parent. by BECKY RAMOS

A t Open House, Linda Shesto, junior, directs Cindy Cunningham, a MHS parent, to one of the classrooms. Open House occurred on Sept. 10 and gave parents the opportunity to meet their child's teachers

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MHS receives top honors

The Indiana Department of Education nominated MHS, along with eleven other schools, as part of the 1986-1987 National Secondary School Recognition Program. Out of the twelve schools, only four were secondary schools.

After receiving the information about the selection, Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal, said that this "indicates what I have felt ever since I came to Merrillville."

Dr. Rapacz and various faculty and counselors filled out a 25 page application. It was reviewed by a state committee. On Feb. 5, the nominees

for the state of Indiana were announced.

MHS was nominated for having a strong academic and instructional program, supportive teachers, and a good working relationship between the school, parents, and the community.

Tom Herbert, assistant principal, commented, "I believe for some time that MHS has been one the top high schools in the state. We have a dedicated staff that works hard and has a great support for the community."

by HEATHER KIRK



Merrillville School Board Members - John Carr, Art Collins, L.J. Crist, George Putz, Bryant Matthews.



Central Office Administration — Dr. William Fellmy, assistant superintendent, Dr. Robert Schrenker, superintendent, Dr. Anthony Lux, assistant superintendent.









Sorting through mounds of paperwork is Frank O'Shea. This was Mr. O'Shea's third year as Dean of Students and head football coach.

W ith Sherry Guernsey, Dawn Musgrove and Kelly Burke, seniors, is Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, principal. Dr. Rapacz can often be found in the cafeteria talking with students during lunch.

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Menu OFFERS new items

MHS brought new items to the lunchroom, such as slush puppies and vogurt ice cream.

These additions were greatly appreciated. Kris Kurtis, senior, stated, "I enjoy eating yogurt while drinking my slush

puppy." However, not everything new was welcomed.

The extra five cent charge on lunches was a hassle for most of the student body.

The reason for the increase was because of the rate of inflation and the general increase in the price of doing business.

Sue Bounnharai, a junior, commented, "It is a pain bringing extra change because I always forget and have to borrow.'

Moreover, Melanie Book, ju-nior, stated, "I enjoy the new items because it is something different."

Also, she concluded, "I think it is an excellent idea to bring in new items to our lunchroom. It seems that everyone is enjoying the slush puppies and yogurt ice cream."
by SHERYL KRMPOTICH

With new computers installed in guidance Barbara Richter, secretary, still needs to type some papers for the office. The secretaries throughout the building pulled together and won Spirit Week for the faculty competition.



Early in the morning Karen Reder, head cashier, begins a long, hard, day of feeding hungry students. Lunch prices for students went up by five cents after Jan. 1.







Cafeteria Workers — Front Row: Christina Cogley, Barbara McKay, Norma Manis, Zula Starr, Rata Sponel, Arlene Phillips, Karen Reder, Irene Batides, Eva Psoneadlis, Back Row: Doris Rodgers, Shirley

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Row: Mary Halkias, Manilyn Huber, Janet Pennock, Carol Teeter, Deborah Steiner, Doris Rodgers.





Supporting

E XCITEMENT grows as Merrillville expands new businesses. Whether it is entertainment, shopping

or eating out, Merrillville has quite a lot to offer and is still growing. Each year, the Holiday Star Theater attracks well-known stars and audiences from neighboring towns. Apart from live entertainment, most students often get together to catch a movie at the recently renovated Southlake Mall Cineama, which now features nine theaters.

SHOPPERS find it easy to spend several hours browsing in the new shops within the Southlake Mall and Century Consumer Mall. Strip malls along Broadway are always under construction to provide Merrillville with numerous services. Tanning parlors and restaurants increase in number to keep up with the student's latest fads. Now that Merrillville has come along way from a small farm community to the largest town in Indiana; its image will some day lead Merrillville into becoming a city.



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With such a large assortment of different items, Chris Locke, senior and a co-worker, check the books for a needed part number. Having two locations, Merrillville and Crown Point, Ace Hardware provides the area with a majority of parts and supplies.

Changing pace from fast food restaurants, Cindy Vandermolen, junior, finds it difficult to decide on what to order at Diamond Dave's Taco Company. Diamond Dave's, located in the Southlake Mall, offers a wide variety of Mexican food.

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high school games on T.V.'

Not only does the showing of these games benefit the people who missed the game, but they also benefit the individual players and teams who participate in the games.

Mark Vincnet, senior basketball player, said, "After watching ourselves on T.V., we can see all of the mistakes we made during that game and try to prevent from making the same errors the

next game."

Finally, Mike Mackey, senior football player, added, "Watching the game is very beneficial to the team, but I personally enjoyed seeing our team play."

BY CHRISSY FIGUEROA

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Cruising still popular

Stop and go, screeching tires, loud shouts and wondering eyes are just a few of the common characteristics associated with cruising.

A common place to cruise is Broadway and

Blue Top in Highland

Michelle Schmidt, junior, mentioned, "I usually cruise with my friends when my parents just fill up the gas tank, and there's not too much else to do."

Although there are still others at MHS who prefer to cruise in order to show off a car. Either new, old or even the "family truckster," after laboring all day to get it clean, are suitable for cruising.

Mercury Pappas, senior, said, "I cruise to show off my 1970 Chevelle and show other people all of my accomplishments I made on the car."

To some, cruising may seem like a waste of time, gas or even a weekend night, but to those who cruise ... good luck catching every red light on Broadway.

by COLLEEN COLLINS

W hen the sun goes down, MHS students can be found making rounds on Broadway. Cruising is still a popular pastime.

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Working out at health clubs has become more and more popular. People are pressured to look their best and to be physically fit. Many people workout because they feel better about them-

Tamara Levinson, senior, said, "I workout at Backyard Health Club because they have nice equipment to workout with, not to mention the great looking guys who workout there, also. I like to workout because I feel so much better about myself.

However, the cost of health clubs can range anywhere from about \$20 to \$50 a month, depending on the amount and type of equipment in the health club.

Louie Lopez, junior, said, "I workout at Sports and Fitness in Crown Point. It costs \$17.50 a month, which I have to pay for myself. During football season, I am restricted, but otherwise I workout every day.'

Even though many students go to health clubs to workout, MHS students consider the weightroom at the high school a health club.

Greg Thompson, senior, said, "I'd rather work out at the school because the equipment is all new, and it doesn't cost me or my parents anything to workout there.'

BY REAGAN PLESHA

Why spend money. MHS students could use the weightroom instead of paying health club fees. Tom Adams, sophomore, vorks on building strength before track season begins.

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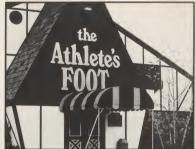
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Yogurt craze arrives at MHS

The latest craze to hit Merrillville is frozen yogurt. Two local places to find this delicious treat are Holy Cow and TCBY (The Country's Best Yogurt). It can also be bought during lunch hours at MHS, compliments of Holy Cow.

Frozen Yogurt has a taste similiar to ice cream and has a wide range of flavors. Some examples of some of the outrageous flavors are pina colada, peanut butter and blueberry cheesecake.

Many students enjoy the different flavors but also find that they like the smaller amount of calories.

"I like going to TCBY because it taste great, and it's low cal. They also have great toppings, especially the M&M's," said Cara Carrabine, junior.

Another advantage to the frozen yogurt is that it is available all year round.

"When we get a taste for ice cream in the win-

ter, we go to Holy Cow, since most of the ice cream places are closed," stated Gregg Stepp and Scott Gronowski, sophomores.

Whatever the reason might be, many students enjoy going out to get some frozen yogurt.

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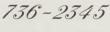
























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1987 Merrillyue Staff



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The end came so quick; we had a great year and we hope you did too Thanks for buying the 1987 Merrilvue, and we hope you enjoy it.

Ending

SPRING FEVER hit MHS as students felt the year coming to an end. Graduation was first priorty for seniors as they arranged open houses. Not far off, seniors also worked their way to building a future in college, tech schools, military or the job market. Sophomores and juniors awaited next year and finalized their schedules. All of the commotion kept MHS moving at a fast pace.

ANXIOUS students knew that the last few weeks meant more than an entire year; it was either pass or fail. Final exams snuck up quickly. Most students found themselves preparing a few weeks ahead of time studying at the library or in groups. Physics classes finished the year off with intense lab work, while the music department prepared for concerts. Everyone worked hard to meet their goals set way back in September. This was it; the last chance to make an impression on MHS.

OUTSTANDING
performances
placed MHS on the top of coaches' charts throughout
the state. Ranked fourth in state, the softball team
gained recognition for its tremendous achievements,
regaining their sectional title. Individual athletes along
with MHS were winners. Gymnastic, wrestling and
track teams all sent qualifying athletes to represent
MHS at the state meet. MHS, as a school, won honors
for being one of the top secondary schools in the
state. Now, MHS, built the "Image" they deserved.



Offering her help to Shirley Smith, junior, classmate Kim Miles, junior, explains a few principles on their business law assignment. The business department offers courses to prepare students for college or job market. E nthusiastic sophomore fans gather in the parking lot to send of the boys basketball team to sectionals. Fifty cars and trucks decorated with signs and streamers entered a contest for the best decorated, and the sophomores won for their van.







ORIGINALITY set the trend. New ideas and events made the year one to remember. Traditions were started and also broken. There was no doubt the Senior Class sat through this year and watched. The first Senior Lock-in took place because of persistent students. Now, it will become an annual event for the Senior Classes. Also, a sit-in down the senior hallway was a protest to get the Senior Class president to speak at commencement.

Appearance inside school looked original as art students completed murals that added to the walls throughout the school. A unique student body with original personalities and ideas built MHS to something no one would forget, but also placed a "lasting image" MHS could be proud of.

Q utside of school, Mark Vincent, senior, enjoys a girls tennis match behind the school on a sunny spring day. After school activities gave the students a chance to get involved.







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Gray screens of 10 percent were used throughout the sections. In the senior section, a metalic silver (Tempo 840) with Tempo 527 lettering was used. The triangle in the folios throughout the book are

10 percent gray.

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The theme, "Building an Image", was chosen by the Merrillvue staff, which runs on a budget of \$27,000.

